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Commander-in-Chief Billy Ray Cameron's leadership year theme, "First...Serving America," is highlighted on this month's cover. The theme is carried out also in the text of his acceptance speech delivered at the conclusion of the 85th National Convention. It appears on page 6.



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Child Abuse Rapped; Westmoreland, Dead Marine Supported

Opposition to child abuse, support for a campaign to grant citizenship to a foreign-born Marine killed in Vietnam and continued encouragement to Gen. William C. Westmoreland in his libel suit against the Columbia Broadcasting System were voiced in three of the many resolutions adopted by delegates to the 85th VFW National Convention in Chicago.

Resolution 319, "Protect Our Country's Children," was an outgrowth of an appeal made by John Walsh, who sparked a nationwide campaign against crimes against attacks on children after his young son Adam was kidnapped and killed.

Walsh's appeal was voiced at the Joint Opening Session at which he and his wife Reve, absent because of the imminent birth of a child, were awarded the VFW Citizenship Gold Medal and Citation.

After citing the magnitude of the plight of missing and exploited children and their distraught parents, the resolution urges VFW Posts, County Councils, Districts and Departments "to support and implement programs of public awareness and legislative action as high priority projects of our Community Activities and Youth Activities Programs."

In supporting efforts to grant citizenship posthumously to the late Cpl. Wladyslaw (Scotty) Staniszewski, killed at 19 on July 7, 1967, in Vietnam, Resolution 317 says he joined the Marines 2½ years after he and parents came to this country from Scotland and had not lived in the U.S. long enough to become a citizen.

"This young Marine, barely 20 years of age at the time of his death, had given the highest demonstration of his love for the United States of America by laying down his life for the country he and his family had adopted for their own." It adds that had Staniszewski not been killed he would be a citizen and concludes by urging Congress to pass legislation bestowing full citizenship on him."

In amended Resolution 206, delegates voted that individual VFW members and units be encouraged to support Westmoreland's non-profit legal fund in his suit against CBS by sending their contributions directly to the Capital Legal Foundation, Inc., 700 E Street, SE, Washington, D.C.,

20003.

Resolution 206 points out that the VFW's longstanding policy has been not to involve the National Organization financially in matters such as Westmoreland's libel action.

It notes also that Westmoreland's "exemplary record of service and dedication to the nation closely reflects and parallels the objects of the VFW" as set forth in its Constitution.

Titles and numbers of all resolutions and By-laws and Manual of Procedure amendments passed appear elsewhere in this issue.

National Recruiter Recognition 1984-1985

Commander-in-Chief Billy Ray Cameron, announces a new program which will give recognition to those comrades who sign up new or reinstating members for 1985.

HOW TO QUALIFY

Ten Life Member Awards will be given on a quarterly drawing basis. You can qualify for a chance in the drawing by signing up a new or reinstating member for 1985. Each new or reinstating member you sign up could qualify you for an additional chance in the drawing.

PROCEDURE

Each new and reinstating 1985 member will be contacted by National Headquarters and asked to complete and forward a card which will indicate the name, state, and Post Number of the individual who recruited him. A convenient form is provided for the new or reinstating member to use in forwarding this information. A pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope will be included for the new or reinstating member to use in returning the needed information to National Headquarters.

Upon receipt of the requested information from the new or reinstated member the name of the person who signed him up will be deposited in the Life Membership drawings.

New Agent Orange Numbers

Veterans seeking information about the May 7 tentative out-of-court settlement against seven Agent Orange manufacturers may call toll-free 800-832-1301 from New York or toll-free 800-645-1355 from other states. Vietnam veterans now have until Jan. 1, 1985, to apply for inclusion in the settlement.



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- TO ASSIST THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS, and the dependents of disabled and needy veterans.
- TO PROMOTE AMERICANISM through education in patriotism and constructive service to the communities in which we live.

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VETSGRAM

LEGISLATIVE

GS PAY OFFSET BY RETIREE COLA REPEALED: A provision of PL 98-369, Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, repealed so much of Public Law 97-253, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1982, which mandated that the Civil Service pay of Armed Forces retirees be reduced by the dollar amount of cost-of-living increases granted retirees unless retired or retainer pay was based, in whole or in part, on disability resulting from injury or disease received in line of duty as a direct result of armed conflict; or caused by an instrumentality of war and incurred in line of duty during a period of war.

The new law became effective with respect to pay periods beginning after the date of enactment, July 18, 1984. Although the Civil Service pay of Armed Forces retirees will no longer be reduced by retiree COLA, no provision is made for the repayment of previously withheld Civil Service pay.

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COLA CUT ENDS NEXT SEPT. 30: Another provision of the 1982 Budget Reconciliation Act requires that federal Civil Service and Armed Forces retirees under 62 be granted only half the cost-of-living increase awarded older retirees unless retirement was based in whole or in part on disability. As it stands now, this authority for reducing COLA will expire with the end of fiscal year 1985 on Sept. 30, 1985.

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PROPOSED ABOLITION OF SVAC: One of the recommendations of the Senate Study Group comprised of former Sens. James B. Pearson and Abraham A. Ribicoff assisted by parliamentarian emeritus Dr. Floyd M. Riddick and the staff of the Rules and Administration Committee is that "the Veterans' Affairs Committee, once a subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee, would be returned to that Committee."

The Veterans' Affairs Committee, of course, was never a subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee.

Prior to Public Law 91-150, the Legislative Reform Act of 1970, veterans' entitlements and benefits came within the purview of three committees, Finance, Interior and Insular Affairs and Labor and Public Welfare. In testimony to the Temporary Select Committee to Study the Senate Committee System, and in accordance with prior Resolution No. 615 and one of the Priority Goals given Past Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson's stamp of approval, VFW stated "we are unalterably opposed to eliminating the Veterans' Affairs Committee as a standing committee of the Senate and reducing it to a subcommittee of any other committee."

In addition, VFW called to the Committee's attention the fact that S. Res. 139, introduced by Sen. Edward Zorinsky (Neb.), disapproving the recommendation of the Study Group on Senate Practices and Procedures to abolish the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, now has more than 50 cosponsors. The Temporary Select Committee to Study the Senate Committee System will submit its proposals to the Committee on Rules and Administration by Dec. 15, 1984.

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HOUSE UPS GI BILL, EXTENDS JOB BENEFITS: Under suspension of the rules, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 5398, the Veterans' Education and Employment Amendments of 1984, supported in testimony by the VFW.

Major provisions would grant a 15% cost-of-living increase to veterans studying under the GI Bill, in the Dependents Education and Training Program and in the subsistence allowances for service-connected disabled veterans undergoing vocational rehabilitation effective Jan. 1, 1985.

Other provisions would extend the Veterans' Readjustment Appointment (VRA) Program, due to expire this fiscal year, until Sept. 30, 1987; eliminate the 14-year education restriction and authorize appointments up to the grade of GS-11.

It also would extend the date veterans may apply for assistance under the provisions of Public Law 98-77, the Emergency Veterans' Job Training Act, from Nov. 29, 1984, until May 29, 1985, and, also, the cut-off date for commencing training from March 1, 1985, until Sept. 1, 1985.

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HOUSE PASSES VETS' PREFERENCE BILL: Under suspension of the rules and over strong Administration opposition, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 5799 to restrict the contracting out of the positions of guards, elevator operators, messengers and custodians reserved for veterans by law. VFW supported the legislation and Past Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., urged early Senate action since the present bar to the total contracting of these jobs expires with the fiscal year 1984.

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SENATE OKAYS HEALTH CARE BILL: Under a unanimous consent agreement, the Senate passed amended S. 2514, the Veterans Administration Health Care Amendments of 1984. This is an omnibus bill of many provisions and at variance with H.R. 5618, the Veterans Health Care Facilities and Improvement Act of 1984, passed by the House of Representatives and reported in this column in August. Senate and House conferees will resolve the differences in the two bills.

NATIONAL SECURITY

MIDDLE EAST BEARS WATCHING: War between Iran and Iraq has posed a dilemma for the West. No one wants the Ayatollah Khomeini to win. No one in the free world wants to see Iraq become a dominant influence in the oil-rich Persian Gulf region.

If either one seems to be winning, the U.S. or the Soviet Union may step in. This fact worries American military leadership. The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and interest in Iran led to the temporary establishment of the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force, now the Central Command, responsible for this region.

Central Command, however, is 7,000 miles away (while the Soviets are right next door), has no forces nearby or regional allies. Further, Central Command first must be asked for aid from a Middle Eastern country before it can act.

Because of the Iran-Iraq war, six countries in the region have begun to act together. The new Arab Gulf Cooperation Council was formed to coordinate political and security efforts. It stemmed from OPEC's success in setting oil prices. They note their objective is not to ally themselves against any other states, but it is clear they fear Iran most. It is not against Israel.

On the surface, these six countries, Saudi Arabia, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Kuwait, have put aside various differences. They want to improve their security and maintain friendship with the U.S. and Western Europe.

Cooler weather in the fall may test this new alliance if Iran and Iraq resume major offensives. The war may expand and the alliance may have to contain this expansion that may take new forms. Terrorism is the most likely—and the recent spate of minings of ships in the Suez Canal may be just the beginning.

Libya's Col. Muammar al-Qaddafi has practiced or sponsored nearly every new form of conflict since he seized power in 1969—from nearby Chad to Nicaragua.

No alliance yet has been formed to contain the Libyan, but in 1983 he was stopped in Chad by French military forces. This may suggest Europeans may realize the need to halt his adventures. Money and access to worldwide terrorists enable him to operate on nearly all continents.

U.S. must remain vigilant to the situation in the Middle East from one end to the other because the forms of conflict are so numerous, the culprits so hateful and the risks so great.

Only silver lining in the cloud is that Qaddafi and Khomeini have not formed an alliance to act in concert.

SERVICE

PLANS FOR TRAINING VFW DSOs: National Veterans Service Committee proposes to establish a four-phase training program for VFW Department Service Officers.

Implementation of the entire program awaits final approval by the National Council of Administration.

It is designed to improve the VFW's ability to provide the best possible service to veterans, their dependents and survivors.

Developed by Washington Office Executive Director Cooper T. Holt, National Veterans Service Director Frederico Juarbe, Jr., and their staffs in coordination with the committee, the program is the culmination of years of careful consideration.

Phase I, initial training, will consist of several cycles a year in Washington by NVS staffers and Veterans Administration. Selected DSOs will receive 15 days of intensive training during each cycle.

The Council gave interim approval to begin Phase I on Sept. 10.

Phase II is on-the-job or follow-up training, conducted during the week after Phase I is completed. Field representatives from NVS will take part in the DSOs' home offices.

Phase III will consist of a two-part yearly proficiency training program for all DSOs and will be conducted by NVS personnel and some from government agencies. The first part will be held during a week in the fall of each year and the second in Washington at the end of the annual Mid-Winter Conference.

College-level courses covering subjects relevant to their fields will be the final phase for the DSOs.

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VFW DEFENDS VA: An NVS staff member recently testified on behalf of the Veterans' Affirmative Action Program established by VA Chief Benefits Director Dorothy Starbuck.

The American Federation of Government Employees protested the program that extended veterans' preference to positions of veterans' benefits counselors and veterans' claims examiners and others that provide outreach services.

Authority for her action is embodied in a 1980 law allowing the VA Administrator to extend preference to qualified Vietnam Era veterans and special disabled veterans for these VA jobs.

Over the objections of the union's attorney, the VFW testified that a person working in the VA in one of those capacities must be able to develop a relationship with the client that will enable him to share the veteran's concerns.

VFW contention is that a disabled or Vietnam Era veteran shares a common bond with all veterans and has the qualifications to evaluate the circumstances as well as the law in deciding the course of action to take in developing claims.

By
Billy Ray Cameron
VFW
Commander-
in-Chief



First... Serving America

(This is the text of Commander-in-Chief Cameron's acceptance speech he delivered at the conclusion of the 85th National Convention when he was elected to his office for the 1984-85 year.)

the Veterans of Foreign Wars is "First...Serving America."

You all know that I am the first Vietnam veteran to head this 2 million member organization. I want you to know at the outset that I do not intend to let anyone, in or out of government, degrade the Vietnam veteran and the honorable service he provided in the name of his government. At the same time you can rest assured that I will equally represent veterans from all our nation's foreign wars—World War I veterans, World War II veterans, Korean veterans, Vietnam veterans and our latest veterans who served in Lebanon and Grenada. All veterans are special to me and I intend to represent all of

them equally to the best of my ability.

From the depths of my heart I enthusiastically proclaim:

That the year 1984-85 will be one of total success and accomplishment for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

That the membership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will exceed the 1984 target of 2 million members.

That we in the Veterans of Foreign Wars will continue to devote our unswerving support to the principles of a free democratic nation.

That the Veterans of Foreign Wars can be counted on as an organization of action and accomplishments for its members and for all veterans.

That the Veterans of Foreign Wars will remain totally committed to seeking the fullest possible accounting for our servicemen missing in action in Southeast Asia.

That the Veterans of Foreign Wars will continue to be second to none in our efforts to promote a strong national defense.

That we Veterans of Foreign Wars will support the struggle for personal political and economic freedoms by people enslaved by the existing walls of Communism.

That the Veterans of Foreign Wars will do all that is in our power to combat the spread of Communist subversion, terrorism and influence in this hemisphere.

That the Veterans of Foreign Wars will continue to advocate a U.S. foreign policy that will strengthen the military and political unity of NATO, thus lessening the risk of war in Europe.

In keeping with this year's theme, "First...Serving America" I unquestionably maintain that we will serve America first by ensuring that our national commitment to compensation for disabled veterans for disabilities incurred in their country's service and to their dependents for loss of life or earning capacity of the veteran remains firm.

We will serve America first by standing by our conviction that war veterans who are in need due to their nonservice-connected disabilities and their survivors should be provided financial relief with dignity.

We will serve America first by maintaining our time-honored commitment that any wartime veteran in need of hospital or medical care be provided that care by the Veterans Administration at no further cost to the veteran.

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As a fitting tribute to a National President whose leadership demonstrated that She Cares About America, the more than 4,000 members attending the 1984 Ladies Auxiliary National Convention watched as Rick Carrington serenaded Harriet Timmons with her song, "You Light Up My Life."

It occurred during the performance of "Love All People" and was one of many highlights of the convention. The Love All People group of 18 young people, received the Better World Award for changing the direction of their lives from drugs and delinquency to helping others through their musical performances.

Also working for young people is Mrs. Mary Girardin, founder and



Newly-elected Ladies Auxiliary National President Glenneta Vogelsang.

president of A Child's Wish Come True, who received the Unsung Heroine Award. Few eyes were dry in the convention hall when she finished telling of her work with chronically and terminally ill children.

Members cheered the decision of National President Harriet Timmons, approved by the National Council, to split her discretionary funds between the two groups who are trying to help America's children. Added to the \$2,000 Better World Award contribution was another \$2,500 for Love All People. Mrs. Girardin, who normally would have received \$500, received \$3,000, which, it was learned later, is what it costs to bring about

AUXILIARY HITS NEW HIGH

the average wish of the children her organization benefits.

Accepting \$5,000 for the American Cancer Society, Shelly Bruce thanked the members and then sang "Tomorrow," which she performed many times in her starring role as Annie on Broadway. The song symbolizes Shelly, who had leukemia, now in remission.

Only a few years ago she had been told she had only a few months to live. Mrs. Timmons presented her with the American Spirit Award.

Not only did members hear from the current Buddy Poppy Girl, Melissa Stark, 9, but they heard from Miss Buddy Poppy of 1955, Dorothy Malone, who received the Caring American Award for her work with several charities, her visits to veterans' homes, and her work preserving the nation's film heritage through the National Film Society. She told convention participants about some of her experiences during her acting career and expressed her deep respect for the Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She added that if she can do anything for the organization, simply call.

Other special guests included Helen Bollman, who accepted \$69,412 on behalf of the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Centennial Commission; Kristen Kuntz, first place winner of the Voice of Democracy competition; Charlotte Schuette, Outstanding Junior Girl of America; John Rabe, winner of the Young American Creative Patriotic Art first place award; and Dr. Donald Wood, who received \$5,000 on behalf of the University of Illinois at Chicago to be used for cancer research.

The convention marked the completion of Harriet Timmons's term of office and the announcement of the many record-breaking accomplishments of her year. At the National President's luncheon she announced Outstanding Presidents of the Year with special thank you for helping set those records.

The Auxiliary now has 701,413 members in 7,063 Auxiliaries who conduct the 14 programs that last year resulted in 18 million hours of

volunteer service and \$25 million in contributions.

For the third consecutive year, members have raised more than \$2 million for the Cancer Aid and Research Program and in 1983-84, some \$45,000 was given to institutions for research in addition to the funds presented to Dr. Wood. Mrs. Timmons expressed her gratitude to all the members who worked so diligently throughout the year in all the programs.

On the final day of the convention, National President Glenneta Vogelsang, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and her officers were elected and installed for the 1984-85 year. Line officers elected include Lucile Suchina, of Houston, Texas, Senior Vice-President; Rosemary Mazer, of East Brunswick, N.J., Junior Vice-President; Glenn Grossman, of Kansas City, Mo., Secretary-Treasurer; Joan Katkus, of Wasilla, Alaska, Chaplain; Mona Longly, of Lexington, Neb., Conductress; and Alice Hutto, of Swansea, S.C., Guard.

In her acceptance speech, Mrs. Vogelsang urged all members to serve as Guardians of Liberty. Having chosen the Statue of Liberty as her symbol for the upcoming year, she also asked that members double the \$69,412 contributed for the preservation of the famous landmark.

Auxiliary President Harriet Timmons presents Unsung Heroine Award to Mary Girardin.



VFW-PAC ENDORSEMENTS

The 1984 elections for the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate will be the third in which the Veterans of Foreign Wars Political Action Committee has participated since its formation by the 80th National Convention.

In the 1980 federal elections, the VFW-PAC scored a success record of 89% with its endorsements of candidates. The 1982 endorsements improved to a 91% success rate. The same method of selection was used this year as in 1980 and 1982. Issues were chosen, based on VFW mandates, from national security and veterans' legislative questions in the House and Senate.

A 60% record on 14 roll call votes supporting the VFW position in the House and Senate qualified for endorsement. Fred A. Von Rembow is VFW-PAC Director.

Endorsements in races in Hawaii, Louisiana, Massachusetts and Washington, where primaries were held from Sept. 18 through 29, are not included. Senate races are being held in 33 states. The VFW-PAC had made no endorsements of Senatorial candidates in Delaware, Massachusetts, Montana, New Jersey, Rhode Island or West Virginia at VFW Magazine press time. Nor were endorsements made in House races in Iowa, North Dakota or Utah.

ISSUES IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Seven issues were selected in each of the areas of national security and veterans' programs. The issues and date recorded are indicated so the Representative can identify his vote with the issue.

The resolution which mandates the VFW position is also given. If a Congressman supported the VFW position, he was given a favorable score. His overall score is shown by his name.

VETERANS' LEGISLATION

1. H.R. 2936 (Vote No. 121, recorded May 17, 1983). Provides additional members for Board of Veterans Appeals to alleviate backlog of appealed claims and long delays in claims resolution. VFW supported passage; passed 423-2. Fulfills VFW Resolution 775.

2. H.R. 3020 (Vote No. 44, recorded March 14, 1983). Amendment would prohibit direct loans except to handicapped and minority business, excluding direct Small Business Administration loans to disabled and Vietnam veterans. VFW opposed passage. Failed passage 72-331.

3. H.R. 2948 (Vote No. 132 recorded May 24, 1983). Provided assistance to veterans experiencing financial difficulties that may cause foreclosure on VA home loans. VFW supported passage; passed 394-23. Fulfills VFW Resolution 620.

4. H.R. 2355 (Vote No. 171, recorded June 7, 1983). Emergency Veterans Job Training Act of 1983 to provide employment assistance for long-term

unemployed veterans of Korea and Vietnam. VFW supported passage; passed 407-10. Fulfills VFW Resolutions 640 and 734. Priority goal.

5. H.R. 5713 (Vote No. 188, recorded May 30, 1984). Contains the appropriations for VA construction, medical and entitlement programs for FY 1985. VFW supported passage; passed 282-110. Fulfills many VFW Resolutions. Priority goal.

6. Con. Report on H.R. 3133 (Vote No. 226, recorded June 29, 1983). Setting of funds for VA construction; operation of Department of Medicine and Surgery; Department of Veterans Benefits; Entitlements, FY 1984. VFW supported passage; passed 314-99. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 601 (1982). Priority goal.

7. H.R. 3959 (Vote No. 383, recorded Oct. 5, 1983). Provides \$54 million for Agent Orange studies and \$75 million for the Emergency Veterans Jobs Training Act. VFW supported passage; passed 363-30. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 601. Priority goal.

NATIONAL SECURITY

8. H.R. 4185 (Vote No. 531, recorded Nov. 18, 1983). Appropriation setting levels on FY 1984 Department of Defense spending for procurement, research, operations and maintenance. VFW supported passage; passed 311-99. Fulfills VFW Resolution 419. Priority goal.

9. H.R. 1510 (Vote No. 25, recorded June 10, 1984). Bill to revise immigration laws to impose sanctions on employers who hire illegal aliens, provide legal status for many illegal aliens, etc. VFW supported passage; passed 216-211. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 415.

10. H. Con. Res. 113 (Vote No. 131, recorded May 24, 1983). To permit

funding to develop MX basing method and to conduct MX flight test. VFW supported passage; passed 239-186. Fulfills VFW Resolution 465. Priority goal.

11. H.R. 5119 (Vote No. 141, recorded May 10, 1984). Amendment by Rep. William S. Broomfield to authorize Presidential request for military, economic and development aid for Central American countries. VFW supported passage; passed 212-208. Fulfills VFW Resolution 425. Priority goal.

12. H.R. 2969 (Vote No. 195, recorded June 15, 1983). Amendment by Rep. Ron Dellums would delete \$6.2 billion for B-1 Bomber procurement from DOD authorization. VFW opposed passage. Rejected 164-255. Fulfills VFW Resolution 417. Priority goal.

13. H.R. 5167 (Vote No. 197, recorded May 31, 1984). Rep. Melvin Price amendment to Rep. William L. Dickinson amendment would authorize the production of 15 MX Missiles subject to certain conditions. VFW supported passage; passed 203-182. Fulfills VFW Resolution 465. Priority goal.

14. H.J. Res. 167 (Vote No. 204, recorded May 31, 1984). Passage of bill authorizes Department of Defense procurement, research, operations and maintenance programs for FY 1985. VFW supported passage; passed 298-98. Fulfills VFW Resolution 419. Priority goal.

ISSUES IN THE U.S. SENATE

Legislation is introduced in both houses of Congress. Thus, it was necessary to look at bills in the Senate. As in the House, seven issues were

selected in each of the areas of national defense and veterans' programs.

VETERANS' LEGISLATION

1. S. 2036 (Vote No. 175, recorded Sept. 30, 1982). Provided specific set aside funding for veterans under Job Partnership Training Act. VFW supported passage; passed 95-0. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 762. Priority goal.

2. H.R. 6863 (Vote No. 341 recorded Sept. 10, 1982). Would make available to VA \$4.2 million for Agent Orange research; \$80 million for nurses scholarship program; and \$50 million for VA employees COLAs. VFW supported passage. Veto override 60-30. Fulfills VFW Resolution 607. Priority goal.

3. H.R. 6956 (Vote No. 357, recorded Sept. 24, 1982). Appropriations for FY 1983 spending levels for VA construction; operation of Department of Medicine and Surgery, Department of Veterans Benefits; Entitlements. VFW supported passage; passed 73-11. Fulfills VFW Resolution 663. Priority goal.

4. S. Con. Res. 27 (Vote No. 106, May 19, 1983). Amendment by Sen. Jesse Helms would reduce FY 1984 spending levels for VA compensation and hospital care. VFW opposed passage. Rejected 45-55.

5. Con. Report on H.R. 3133 (Vote No. 175, dated June 29, 1983). Appropriation of FY 1984 funds for VA construction; operation of Department of Medicine and Surgery; Department of Veterans Benefits; Entitlements. VFW supported passage; passed 79-17. Fulfills VFW Resolution 663. Priority goal.

6. H.R. 3069 (Vote No. 238, recorded July 29, 1983). FY 1983 supplemental appropriation for 134 medical care positions; \$254 million for replacement of Minneapolis VAMC; \$9.4 million for clinical addition to Cleveland VAMC and \$185.8 million for VA employee COLAs. VFW supported passage; passed 49-25.

7. S. 1651 (Vote No. 107 recorded May 22, 1984). Resolution of Agent Orange and Radiation claims for disabilities. VFW supported passage; passed 95-0. Fulfills VFW Resolutions 601 and 603. Priority goal.

NATIONAL SECURITY

8. S. Con. Res. 26 (Vote No. 114, recorded May 25, 1983). To permit use of funding to develop MX basing method and to conduct MX test flights. VFW supported passage; pass-

ed 59-39. Fulfills VFW Resolution 465. Priority goal.

9. S. 675 (Vote No. 185, recorded July 13, 1983). Sen. John Tower motion to kill Sen. Edward Kennedy amendment to delete funding for B-1 Bomber from the bill. VFW supported passage; passed 68-30. Fulfills VFW Resolution 417. Priority goal.

10. S. 675 (Vote No. 227, recorded July 26, 1983). Omnibus Defense Authorizations FY 1984, passage of bill authorizing procurement, research, construction, maintenance, operations, etc. VFW supported passage; passed 83-15. Fulfills VFW Resolution 419. Priority goal.

11. H.J. Res. 492 (Vote No. 56, recorded April 5, 1984). Passage of resolution providing appropriations for food assistance programs to El Salvador; aid to Nicaraguan rebels. VFW supported passage; passed 76-19. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 425.

Priority goal.

12. S. 529 (Vote No. 101, recorded May 18, 1983). To revise immigration laws to impose sanctions on employers who hire illegal aliens, to provide legal status for many illegal aliens. VFW supported passage; passed 76-18. Fulfills VFW Resolution 415.

13. S. 2723 (Vote No. 132, recorded June 14, 1984). Sen. Tower motion to kill Sen. Daniel Moynihan amendment to produce no additional MX Missiles in FY 1985. VFW supported passage; passed 49-48 with Vice President George Bush casting deciding vote. Fulfills VFW Resolution 465. Priority goal.

14. S. 2723 (Vote No. 152, recorded June 20, 1984). Passage of bill authorizing procurement, research, operations Department of Defense programs, FY 1985. VFW supported passage; passed 82-6. Fulfills VFW Resolutions 417 and 419. Priority goal.

Endorsements

The published voting record of every member of Congress was studied by Washington Office staff to determine how the member voted compared to the position taken by the mandates given to the VFW by the delegates to the National Convention.

Representatives and Senators up for re-election were rated "right" and "wrong" and their scores tallied. Those with a score of 60% "right" were endorsed. Names and "right" scores follow here and on other pages.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ALABAMA					
District		%Right			
2	Dickinson	86	7	Miller	64
3	Nichols	100	11	Lantos	71
4	Bevill	100	13	Mineta	64
5	Flippo	100	15	Coelho	79
6	Erdreich	100	16	Panetta	64
7	Shelby	86	17	Pashayan	93
			18	Lehman	82
ALASKA			19	Lagomarsino	93
District		%Right	20	Thomas	77
1	Young	100	21	Fiedler	100
			22	Moorhead	69
ARIZONA			27	Levine	79
District		%Right	28	Dixon	78
1	McCain	86	29	Hawkins	78
2	Udall	79	30	Martinez	71
3	Stump	79	31	Dymally	86
4	Rudd	85	32	Anderson	86
5	McNulty	77	33	Dreier	64
ARKANSAS			34	Torres	77
District		%Right	35	Lewis	92
1	Alexander	92	36	Brown	69
3	Hammerschmidt	100	37	McCandless	77
4	Anthony	80	38	Patterson	85
CALIFORNIA			40	Badham	80
District		%Right	41	Lowery	92
2	Chappie	93	42	Lungren	71
3	Matsui	79	43	Packard	69
4	Fazio	85	44	Bates	64
			45	Hunter	86
			COLORADO		
District		%Right	District		%Right
2			2	Wirth	62
			5	Kramer	83
			6	Schaefer	69

Amendments and Resolutions Adopted by the 85th VFW National Convention

Delegates to the 1984 National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States in Chicago, Aug. 17-24, adopted these By-Law and Manual of Procedure changes and resolutions which serve as mandates guiding the VFW in 1984-85.

National By-Laws

SECTION 216—OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 216, National By-Laws, by deleting the second sentence of subparagraph (c) and substituting in lieu thereof the following sentence:

"Such proof of eligibility records shall be open to the Post Commander, Post Adjutant and Post Quartermaster."

SECTION 316—COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 316, National By-Laws, by deleting the second sentence of the last paragraph and substituting in lieu thereof the following sentence:

"Such proof of eligibility records shall be open to the County Council Commander, County Council Adjutant and County Council Quartermaster."

SECTION 414—DISTRICT OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 414, National By-Laws, by deleting the second sentence of subparagraph (c) and substituting in lieu thereof the following sentence:

"Such proof of eligibility records shall be open to the District Commander, District Adjutant and District Quartermaster."

SECTION 515—DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 515, National By-Laws, by deleting the second sentence of subparagraph (c) and substituting in lieu thereof the following sentence:

"Such proof of eligibility records shall be open to the Department Commander, Department Adjutant and Department Quartermaster."

SECTION 608—OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 608, National By-Laws, by deleting the second sentence of subparagraph (c) and substituting in lieu thereof the following sentence:

"Such proof of eligibility records shall be open to the Commander-in-Chief, the Adjutant General and the Quartermaster General."

SECTION 521—COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—COMPOSITION, POWERS AND DUTIES

Amend Section 521, National By-Laws, subparagraph (a) by adding the following sentence thereto:

"Also the four (4) immediate Past Department Commanders may be voting members of the Council of Administration, on the condition that the By-Laws adopted by the Department Convention so provide."

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Top three elected at 85th National Convention are Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Norman G. Staab, Commander-in-Chief Billy Ray Cameron and Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief John S. Staum

The 85th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Chicago from Aug. 17 to 24 was a series of firsts for this oldest major American veterans' organization.

Firsts for 85th

The VFW met for the first time with a membership of more than 2 million, reached on July 31, after several years of striving to hit this record figure.

The first Vietnam veteran, Billy Ray Cameron, of Sanford, N.C., was elected Commander-in-Chief on the last day of the National Convention. He is also the first North Carolinian to reach this office since 1939 when Otis N. Brown was elected.

When President Ronald Reagan addressed VFW and Ladies Auxiliary delegates on Friday afternoon, Aug. 24, it was his first public appearance since his nomination for re-election

at the Republican national convention.

Elected with Cameron were Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief John Staum, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Norman G. Staab, of Russell, Kans.; Judge Advocate Gen. Thomas A. Pouliot, of Helena, Mont.; Surgeon Gen. Dr. Raymond Schlueter, of Indianhead Park, Ill.; and National Chaplain Frederick W. Christiansen, of Milford, N.J.

Quartermaster Gen. J.A. Cheatham, of Johnson County, Kans., was re-elected.

Reappointed was Adjutant Gen.

Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr. Appointed were Chief of Staff Larry Rivers, of Alexandria, La., and Inspector Gen. J.P. Cockrill, of Marion, Ark.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cooper T. Holt, who heads the VFW Washington Office, administered the oath of office to the newly-elected officers and National Council of Administration members and Past Commander-in-Chief Ted C. Connell swore in Commander-in-Chief Cameron.

For the ceremonies, new Department Commanders lined the center aisle of the International Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel and several hundred Vietnam veteran-delegates joined the group on the stage.

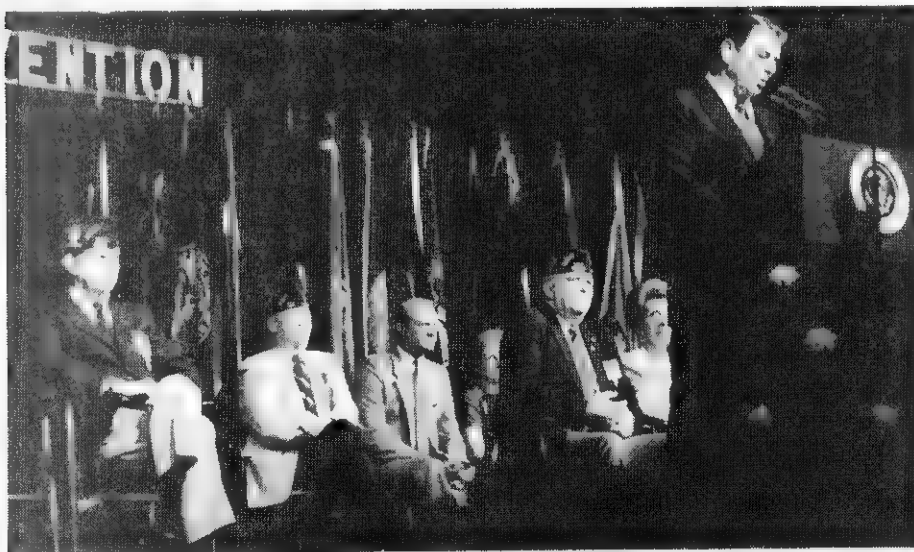
Appropriately, in view of the firsts registered by the 85th National Convention, Commander-in-Chief Cameron chose "First...Serving America" as the theme for his 1984-85 leadership year.

The text of his acceptance speech appears elsewhere in this issue, but he pledged to support efforts to care especially for the needs of Vietnam veterans, as well as all others who served the United States in the military, and to continue a large military build-up.

It was announced by Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., during the Convention sessions that Democratic Presidential nominee Walter F. Mondale and his Vice Presidential running-mate, Geraldine Ferraro, each had been invited three times to address the Joint Opening Session Monday, Aug. 20, at the Pavilion of the University of Illinois at Chicago. Both turned down the invitations. West Virginia's Sen. Robert C. Byrd, Senate Democratic minority leader, accepted, however, as keynote speaker.

As a Presidential candidate, Mr. Reagan addressed the 1980 VFW National Convention in Chicago, appeared briefly as President at the 1981 VFW Mid-Winter Conference in Washington and made a major address at 1983 VFW National Convention in New Orleans where he

President Ronald Reagan addresses delegates to the 85th National Convention in Chicago. Commander-in-Chief Billy Ray Cameron is extreme left, while immediate Past Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., is seated to the President's rear. To Olson's left is Mrs. Nancy Reagan



SECTION 521—COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—COMPOSITION, POWERS AND DUTIES

Amend Section 521, National By-Laws, subparagraph (a) by inserting after the sentence: "The retiring Commander shall also be a member of the Department Council of Administration until such time as another Department Commander retires"; the following sentence.

"In the event the retiring Department Commander is unwilling or unable to serve on the Department Council of Administration, his place shall be filled by the last retired Past Department Commander who is ready, willing and able to serve."

SECTION 618—NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION, POWERS AND DUTIES

Amend Section 618, National By Laws, subparagraph (a) by inserting the following sentence at the end of the second paragraph thereof:

"In the event the retiring Commander-in-Chief is unwilling or unable to serve on the National Council of Administration, his place shall be filled by the last retired Past Commander-in-Chief who is ready, willing and able to serve."

Manual of Procedure

SECTION 318—DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS

Amend Section 318, Manual of Procedure by the addition at the end of the first paragraph entitled "Duty of Council Commander" the following sentence:

"The Commander or the Commander's representative shall attend all regularly called District meetings and District Conventions of which the Commander is a member."

Americanism and Community Activities

- 101. Restore Memorial Day to May 30th
- 103. Support and Promote Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program
- 110. Cooperation with National and State Organizations to Promote Youth, Safety and Patriotic Programs

Finance and Internal Organization

- 206. Support General Westmoreland
- 207. Issues Effecting Vietnam Era Veterans
- 209. The Twilight Zone
- 213. Opposing the Granting of a Charter to VVA
- 218. Recommend Life Membership Program for the Ladies Auxiliary
- 220. National Aide-de-Camp Caps Issued to Membership Recruiting Class Shall Bear the Words "Recruiting Class"
- 222. No Fees for Funeral Services

General Resolutions

- 301. Commemorative Stamp for Korean War Veterans
- 303. Memorial Monument in Washington, D.C. for Americans Killed and Survivors of the Infamous Bataan Death March.
- 304. Thank you, Mister President
- 306. Filipino Veterans of the United States Armed Forces
- 307. Oppose Monetary. Other Aid to Persons Refusing to Register
- 308. A National Korean War Memorial
- 309. Issuance of Stamp Honoring Fleet Admiral Chester M. Nimitz
- 310. Save the State Employment Services
- 311. Making English Official
- 312. Commissioned Officer Corps of the Public Health Service

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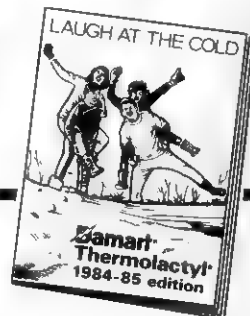
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Sen. Byrd

signed a bill benefiting unemployed Vietnam and Korean War veterans.

After congratulating the VFW on reaching its 2 million goal, Mr. Reagan recalled his visit to the Convention in 1980, adding:

"When you think back to 1980, it's hard to forget the mess America was in, hard to forget the foolish talk of a malaise, the unfairness of runaway price increases, 21½% interest rates, weakened defenses, Americans held hostage and the loss of respect for our nation abroad. It seemed that we woke up every morning wondering what new humiliation our country had suffered overseas, what disappointing news lay awaiting for us on the front page."

Asserting his dedication to working for a peaceful world, he said:

"My deepest commitment is to achieve a stable, enduring peace, not just by being prepared to deter aggression, but also by bringing steadiness to American foreign policy, by being prepared to pursue all possible avenues for arms reduction, by ensuring that our economic strength leads the way to greater stability through growth and human progress and by having the spiritual strength and self-confidence that enables us to reach out to our adversaries."

In the past four years, he continued, "We have made a new beginning, a dramatic, far-reaching step toward a much better, safer and more secure future."

"I can tell you today from my heart the United States of America is prepared for peace," he added.

Mr. Reagan said that without military strength no lasting peace, real security, effective diplomacy or meaningful negotiations are possible, although "military strength alone is not enough to ensure a more secure world."

Citing the rescue mission to Grenada as an example, he said U.S. military forces are "back on their

feet...stronger and better able to protect the peace than they were four years ago."

"Because we were willing to take decisive action, our students today are safe, Grenada is free and that region of the Caribbean is more peaceful and secure than before... But...a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought and that's why we've put forward and will continue to pursue one of the most extensive arms control programs in history."

As for strengthening U.S. military forces since he took office, he said four years ago the nation's newest longrange strategic bomber was 19 years old, but in September the first B-1 bomber is due off the assembly line; three new Trident submarines are at sea, a fourth was delivered in January and seven more are being built, compared with 1981 when the newest U.S. strategic submarine was 14 years old.

He praised the VFW for its support of Peacekeeper missiles, which have completed five successful tests "and deployment plans are on schedule."

President Reagan said that "no improvement in our military readiness has been more dramatic or more important than the improvement in the quality and retention of our servicemen and women."

Citing the example of Latin America where 26 of 33 countries are democracies or trying to be, he said history "is moving in the direction of self-government and human dignity."

Recalling the support the VFW has given him during his Presidency—endorsement for election in 1980 by the VFW-Political Action Committee, for instance—he said the VFW "stayed rock solid even when the going was rough, but then you've always been a tower of strength...always set high

standards, lived up to them and looked out for America, just as you've always looked out for the veteran."

He also praised the organization's programs and support for his administration's POW-MIA efforts.

President Reagan also pledged to "never stop working as hard as I can to make sure that our nation keeps its special commitment to those who served, to those who have kept the torch of liberty burning brightly."

"Because of you, America's best days are still to come and with faith, freedom and courage, there's no limit to what America can and will accomplish."

Shouts of "four more years" from the delegates were heard at the conclusion of Mr. Reagan's speech.

In his keynote address, Sen. Byrd attacked President Reagan's defense and foreign policies.

Citing a Joint Chiefs of Staff report that said the U.S. has only enough ammunition for a small war and American industry would take at least a year to supply enough to meet defense needs, Sen. Byrd said:

"After all the billions of dollars given to this Administration to pump up our military muscle, it is more than sobering and shocking to learn that we are not more secure and are only ready for anything if the 'anythings' come only one at a time and for only a limited period of time."

"Allowing America's conventional military readiness to slide is an indefensible example of mismanagement on the part of this Administration. Congress has appropriated the sums requested by this Administration to make us strong. Why aren't we then in better shape in terms of conventional forces?"

He said a "flawed foreign policy

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314. Support for Constitutional Amendment Guaranteeing Firearm Ownership and Use
 316. Commemorative Stamp Depicting Bombing of Pearl Harbor
 317. Bestow Citizenship Posthumously Upon Marine Corporal Wladyslaw "Scotty" Staniszewski
 318. Support for the Amendment and Passage of H.R. 4566
 319. Protect our Country's Children

National Security and Foreign Affairs

401. The VFW's Enduring Commitment to American Defense Primacy
 402. National Strategy of Peace Through Strength
 403. Nuclear "Freeze" No! Peace Through Strength Yes!
 404. The VFW: Anti-Communist, Pro-Freedom, Pro-American and Proud Of It
 405. Anti Ballistic Missile Defense
 406. Defeat Terrorism
 407. The U.N.: The Free Ride Ends
 408. Non-Stop VFW Support for the CIA and FBI
 409. Support the Proposed Seven-Year Civil Defense Buildup
 410. Extremely Low Frequency
 411. Defeat the Un-Sponsored "Law of the Sea" Treaty
 414. Restore American Primacy in Central America, The Caribbean and South America
 415. Continue to Deny Southern Africa to Communist Military Imperialism
 416. Aid the Afghan Freedom Fighters and Refugees
 418. Keep Up The Pressure on Communist Cuba
 419. Shoring Up the Middle East
 420. The Panama Canal
 421. Continue the POW/MIA Subcommittee of the National Security Committee
 422. VFW Designate the "Red Ribbon" for Concern for POW/MIA's
 423. America's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action: A Non-Negotiable Matter of Honor
 424. Reorganize the Joint Chiefs of Staff
 425. Assure the Flow of Undiluted Military Advice to the President and the Congress
 427. Refugees and Illegal Aliens in the United States
 428. The U.S. Military: A Calling Not a Job
 429. Selective Service Registration
 430. Return to a Fair and Loophole-Free Military Draft As Soon As Practicable
 431. Assured Access to Schools By Military Recruiters
 432. Military Retirement
 433. Oppose Homosexual and Lesbian Acceptance in the Military and the Government
 434. No Women in Combat Jobs
 435. Preserve The U.S. Coast Guard
 436. Halt Shocking Waste in Pentagon Spare Parts Procurement
 437. Absentee Ballot Reform
 438. Support for the Republic of China on Taiwan
 439. United States Support for the Republic of Korea
 440. Condemnation of the U.S.S.R.
 442. Protection of Civil Rights
 443. Support Our U.S. Government
 445. Strengthen the U.S. Custom Service
 448. The Office of Special Investigation (O.S.I.)
 449. Changing the Constitution
 450. Provide Eligibility to VFW for Service in Korea 1954 to 1966
 452. Support for Naming the SSN-708 as the USS Minneapolis Saint Paul

454. Employer Discrimination
 455. Reaffirm Support For NATO
 456. Concerning Roger A. Dumas, Prisoner of War, and All Other POW/MIA's Not Accounted for by the North Koreans or Chinese Since the End of the Korean War
 458. Strengthen the Conventional Defense of Western Europe

Veterans Service

601. Proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution
 602. Herbicide Exposure
 603. Radiation Exposure Medical Treatment and Compensation
 604. VA Examination Procedure for Post Traumatic Stress Disorders
 605. Expand PTSD Treatment Program
 606. Geriatric and Extended Care
 607. Incentive Therapy Program
 608. Opposition to Inclusion of VA Hospital System in Any National Health Insurance Plan
 609. Uniformed Services University of the Health Services

610. Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)
 611. GI Life Insurance For Vietnam-Era Veterans
 612. Mortgage Insurance for Disabled Veterans
 613. VA Home Loan Guaranty Program
 614. VA Home Loan Assistance
 615. Veterans Administration Home Loans
 616. Peres Doctrine and Armed Forces Personnel
 617. Veterans' Preference
 619. New Legislative Initiatives
 620. Peacetime "GI Bill"
 621. Entitlement Cost-of-Living Increases
 622. Catch 62
 623. World War I Pension
 624. Restore Burial Benefits to Former POW's
 625. To Provide for an Open National Cemetery in Every State
 626. Funding For a New Visitors Center For Arlington National Cemetery
 627. Judicial Review

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under this Administration" is "compounding and complicating our defense readiness problem."

Reason is, he continued, that the Reagan Administration "tends to depend almost entirely on the military option—an Administration which uses a lot of hot rhetoric in the belief that we can scare our adversaries into submission and which sometimes overstates the importance of questionable American interests in a given area in an effort to muster public support for the Administration's position."

Byrd continued:

"In the area of foreign policy, resorting to tough talk, name-calling, bombast, sloganeering and overstatement before counting the costs, before looking at all the options and before surveying the likely consequences is much more than just a sloppy way to operate.

"It is a formula for miscalculation and disaster. We saw the formula fail in Lebanon. This Administration's mismanagement and miscalculation in the Lebanon crisis will go down as perhaps one of the most tragic mistakes in American history...

"We need a foreign policy and a defense strategy that combine to make clear to friends and foe alike, and to our own people, what America's vital interests are in the world... Hot rhetoric is no substitute for sound policy and strong resolve."

Byrd said the Administration's tough talk rings hollow when followed by soft actions, such as cancelling the grain embargo imposed by President Jimmy Carter after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

"We can do better as a nation," he said. "We have done better in the past and we can do better again. Ask more of your leaders than polished television performances and tough talk.

"Flamboyant, bellicose language can be satisfying, but it can also be counterproductive and it will increase the levels of tension and risk... Demand that defense dollars be managed and prudently spent to ensure that our military forces will be ready and equal to the task of defending our legitimate interests in a dangerous world. Bombast is no proxy for a cool head and a strong backbone."

"Let us do what we can to ensure that there are no more Lebanons," he concluded. "Let us send a strong message that we will never again bungle into a conflict we are not ready to win.



Chris Hayden

"Let us again demonstrate to the free world that we are its mature and steady leader.

"Let us dedicate ourselves to keeping our America free and strong, and to passing on the gifts of America's heritage to our sons and daughters for centuries yet unseen and generations yet unborn."

Before Sen. Byrd's speech, delegates at the Joint Opening Session were welcomed to the city by Chicago's Mayor Harold Washington and to Illinois by Maj. Gen. Harold G. Holesinger, the state adjutant general, representing Gov. James R. Thompson. Each was presented a Flag set by the Ladies Auxiliary's Davida Dirksen.

Five persons were presented VFW awards for their service to the VFW or the nation as a whole. Olson made the presentations.

They were Auxiliary National President Harriet Timmons, the VFW Gold Medal of Merit and Citation; Gen. Paul X. Kelley, Marine Corps commandant, the VFW Armed Forces Award Gold Medal and Citation; Chris Hayden, who ran from California to Washington, D.C., to alert Americans to the needs of Vietnam veterans, the VFW Certificate of Commendation;



Gen. Kelley

Marine Cpl. Jeffrey N. Nashton, who was injured in the bombing at the Beirut airport that took 241 Marine lives and, while immobilized in a Wiesbaden, Germany, hospital, wrote "Semper Fi" on a slip of paper when Kelley awarded him the Purple Heart, the VFW Americanism Gold Medal and Citation; and John and Reve Walsh, of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the VFW Citizenship Gold Medal and Citation.

Mrs. Timmons, whose organization grew to more than 700,000 over the past year, said, "It is an honor to accept this award, just as it was to work with Commander-in-Chief Olson. It has been a terrific year."

Supreme Commander Robert Graber, of the Military Order of the Cootie, said his organization has reached 36,000 members and its Auxiliary 17,000. He reviewed the MOC's work in VA hospitals, its scholarship program and support for the VFW National Home. He added that Cooties recruited 42,805 new and reinstated members for the VFW. One Cootie, he said, Don Cunningham, of Pup Tent 3, signed up 255 for the VFW.

Hayden, who presented Olson with a personal award for his leadership on behalf of Vietnam veterans, recalled some incidents on his marathon cross-country run and added that "I want to say thank you to all veterans of all wars for my freedom."

Gen. William C. Westmoreland, whose libel suit against the Columbia Broadcasting System won for him the description of "latest casualty of the Vietnam War" from Olson, praised Vietnam veterans "as a valuable national asset."

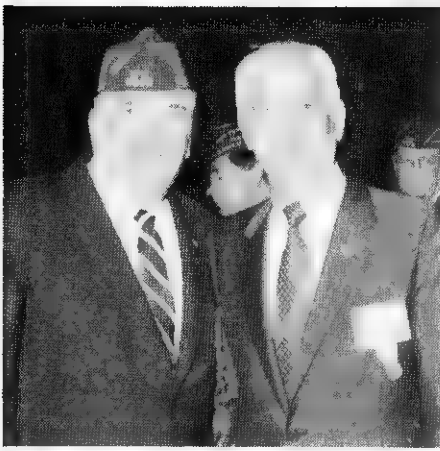
Referring to charges made in the controversial CBS documentary that he "cooked" the numbers of enemy troop strength in Vietnam, where he commanded U.S. troops, Westmoreland said if the charges were true, "I should be in prison."

Walker, whose son Adam was killed by a kidnapper, said the plight of exploited and abused children in the U.S. "is a national disgrace."

After receiving his award, Nashton said he owes the award to all the Marines he works with.

Gen. Kelley, like Nashton wearing dress blues for the occasion, praised Gen. Westmoreland, of whom he said, "I could not have had a finer leader in Vietnam."

"As I look out at this group



Gen. Westmoreland

(delegates), I ask myself where did we get such men and thank God we have them," he added. "I accept this award on behalf of the many young men and women serving the country they love. You are the best."

Past Commander-in-Chief Ray Soden introduced former middle-weight champion Tony Zale, whom he knew at Great Lakes during WWII.

At the beginning of the Joint Opening Session, National Chaplain Kenneth D. Killin delivered the invocation and Convention Board Chairman Pat Harrell introduced Soden, distinguished guests chairman, who turned over the gavel to Olson.

In the evening Bob Hope spoke at the Convention banquet where Secretary of State George P. Shultz received the VFW Dwight David Eisenhower Award and discussed defense and diplomacy.

After Past Commander-in-Chief James R. Currie Tuesday at the Conrad Hilton Hotel received from Olson the VFW Distinguished Service Medal, Rep. Bob McEwen (Ohio), a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, declared that no veteran should be given a low priority for VA medical care, whether service-connected or not. McEwen also attributed the rebirth of patriotism to the Reagan Administration.

For his service to veterans, VA Administrator Harry N. Walters received from Olson the VFW Gold Medal of Merit and Citation.

After congratulating Olson and Cameron on the VFW's achievement in reaching its 2 million-member goal, Walters praised President Reagan: "American veterans have had no greater friend than Ronald Reagan in the United States. He has made it clear that the veterans of America will never be second class citizens in any respect." He added that no veter-

an who believes he is suffering from a condition caused by Agent Orange exposure will be denied medical treatment by the VA.

The day's final award recipient was Walter Payton, Chicago Bears' running back, who received from Olson the VFW Hall of Fame Award for his work in mental health, cancer research, combatting alcoholism and youth concerns. He announced the \$1,000 check accompanying the award would be donated to the Bryan Piccolo Cancer Research Fund, named for a football player who died from the disease. "I hope God will walk with you in the future as He has in the past," he told the delegates.

Sen. George J. Mitchell, a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, said that by 1990 the number of veterans 65 or older will have doubled from the present 3 million to 6 million and in the year 2000 veterans will constitute 37% of the population.

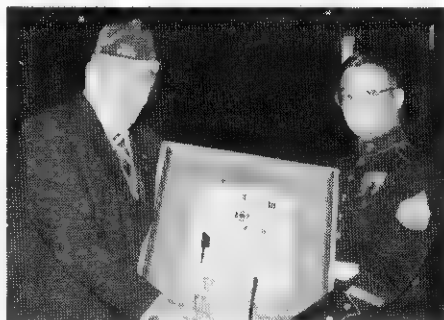
The problem of their health care will be a major one, "but the nation will see to it that the VA will be able to handle the task of providing that care," he said.

Turning to international affairs, he said U.S. policy is one of peace, but "we cannot forget we live in troubled times and a dangerous world...We neglect defense at our risk."

Donald W. Jones, VA deputy administrator, presented Olson with a plaque bearing words of President Reagan: "Let us pledge to work to preserve those precious gifts that America's veterans have purchased for us."

At the Wednesday morning session, Olson presented Chester Koch, a life member of Post 1414, Cleveland, the city's coordinator of patriotic affairs and Past VFW National Historian, with a testimonial resolution congratulating him on his 50th consecutive year as a Convention delegate and reaching his 92 year.

Chief of Police John J. Norton, of the California State Police, received the VFW J. Edgar Hoover Gold Medal



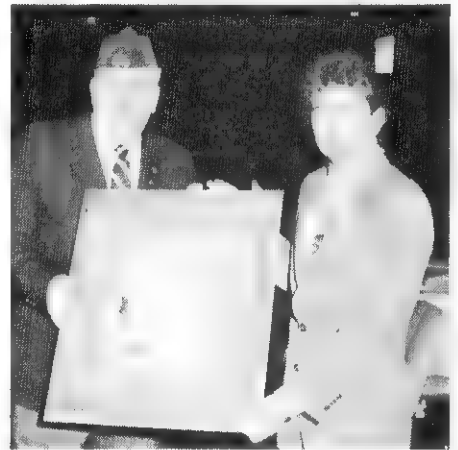
Cpl. Nashton

Award and Citation.

Accompanied by his two-sons, Steve and Mike, wearing Sons of the VFW caps, Norton, a VFW member, told Olson the \$1,000 check the award carries would go to the National League of Families of the Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia. Norton is a Marine veteran of Vietnam.

He said that by honoring him, the VFW honors the 500,000 law enforcement officers, including the 100 killed every year, who are the front line troops in what he called the "domestic war on crime."

Accepting the VFW Space Award on behalf of the crews of the ninth and 10th flights of the space shuttle, Astronaut Brewster H. Shaw, Jr., described space flight as "the most fantastic thing a person ever can do." He added that awards like this indicate the American people support the space program.



John Walsh

The VFW News Media Award Gold Medal and Citation was given by Olson to John McLaughlin, executive producer of the McLaughlin Group of liberal and conservative television commentators. McLaughlin, noting the current high degree of patriotism, said the question is whether it was triggered by President Reagan or whether he was the right man at the right time.

As the U.S. Postal Service's outstanding handicapped employee of the year, Richard A. Martinez, a disabled Vietnam veteran and VFW member, said he helped other handicapped persons because he wanted to show "that I still love my country, my God and humanity." Olson singled out for praise Martinez's willingness to help others.

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ALL - AMERICANS



ALL AMERICAN POST COMMANDERS

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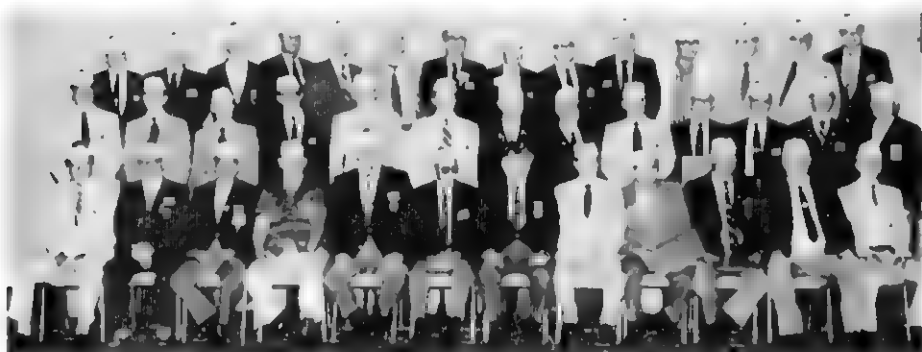
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Last Day Enlivened By Speakers

Final day of the 85th National Convention was a busy one—not only because of President Reagan's major address and elections and installation of officers—but because of several presentations and additional speakers.

Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson Jr. presented \$10,000 to Paul W. Bucha, project director of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's Hall of Honor on the USS Intrepid museum in New York Harbor.

This action was approved by the National Council of Administration earlier in the year.

"The VFW opened its arms to me when I came home and I am thankful for the compassion shown to veterans of all wars, but especially the Vietnam War at the critical time."

Sen. Charles H. Percy (Ill.), who accompanied President Reagan from Dallas, said, "No country may have a credible foreign policy without a strong national defense...The U.S. is the only link that keeps the free world free."

In his final speech as Commander-in-Chief, Olson praised VFW members for the achievement of the 2 million-member goal, which he said was reached not for himself but for the VFW.

"And the Auxiliary has exceeded 700,000 members, so today you have ascended to greater heights," he continued. "Do not drop the ball or lose the momentum—we will be the strongest veterans' organization in numbers."

Retired Navy Capt. Eugene (Red) McDaniel, of the American Defense Foundation and former Vietnam War prisoner, said the Soviet threat cannot be "wished away or prayed away," but he added, however, that his principal reason for speaking to the Convention was to urge veterans and active duty servicemen to register and vote in order to project veterans' benefits and the arms buildup.

Jim Chancellor, of the Vietnam Veterans of Indiana, presented Cameron with a Vietnam ring he is manufacturing for veterans of the Vietnam War.

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Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hessian, Army chief of chaplains, emphasized the presence of God when one feels alone.

Honor to the Departed

Solemnly, the grieving parents and widows of those killed in their country's service were escorted down the center aisle to their seats.

National VFW Officers followed in a somber procession to take their places on the center stage where a simulated grave bearing a cross and a star of David symbolized the final resting places of the nation's war dead.

A hush came over the throng at the Pavilion of the University of Illinois at Chicago as the lights dimmed and Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., announced the opening of the annual Memorial Service of the 85th National VFW Convention on Sunday, Aug. 19.

The VFW National Honor Guard advanced the colors, Old Glory and the gold and purple VFW banner, and then the official VFW band, that of Post 47, Uniontown, Pa., struck up the National Anthem as the assemblage, standing rigidly at attention, joined in singing it.

This year's Memorial Service was dedicated to the late Rev. Earl V. Best, a Past National Chaplain and Past Indiana Department Chaplain.

After opening the Memorial Service, Olson turned the program over to the National Chaplain, the Rev. Kenneth D. Killin, who called on each National Officer, Olson, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Billy Ray Cameron, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief John Staum, Auxiliary National President Harriet Timmons and Auxiliary Chaplain Rosemary Mazer, to give their tributes to the dead, in accordance with the VFW's tradition.

Taking part also were National

Chief of Staff Raymond D. Brennan, Jr., and immediate Past Commander-in-Chief James R. Currieo.

The Rev. Robert J. Shannon, chaplain of Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, in his invocation prayed that God would "take from every human heart suspicion, distrust and hatred... strengthen the weak and confirm the strong..."

The benediction was delivered by Rabbi David Spitz, chaplain at the Chicago VA Medical Center.

Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hessian, Army chief of chaplains, delivered the memorial address.

"We come together today to honor the memory of VFW troopers of every rank and stature who laid down their lives for the country and held it uppermost in their hearts," he said.

He added that they were "joined together with us in the common cause."

Hessian, a Roman Catholic monsignor, cited a country and western song by Lee Greenwood, "God Bless the USA", as an example of an expression of patriotism, in which the singer says he may lose all his material possessions but as long as he lives in this country he can retain his freedom.

Comparing the dead with the prophet Elijah, who singlehandedly combatted the evil Israelite king, Ahab, and his queen, Jezebel, who was turning the Israelites against God, Hessian said the war dead had to face difficulties alone, just as Elijah did.

"We want to honor them for being men and women of character," he said. "They had the courage to face whatever lay in store, just as Elijah

faced Ahab."

Elijah never lost his faith, nor did those who gave their lives for the United States, he continued.

"Many of our comrades had to face the horrors and depression of loneliness," he said. "They were tempted to get it over with, but God told them, 'No, you are not done yet. Carry on, keep going, hang in there, don't be a quitter.'"

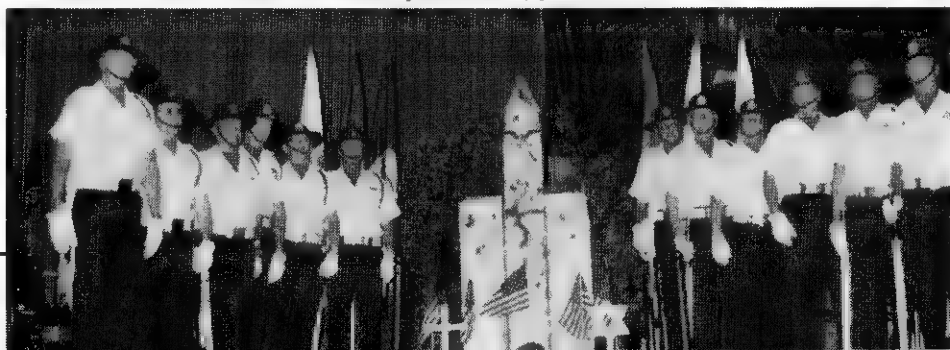
"We honor them because they were not quitters," he added. "You are never alone because God is always with you. Just as Elijah, who thought he was alone in his struggle with Ahab, learned he had the support of 7,000 Israelites, the ones we honor today had the support of their comrades in the Veterans of Foreign Wars."

The dead, he said, "have returned home to the Creator of us all...their heads held high, proud of a job well done, each in his own way..."

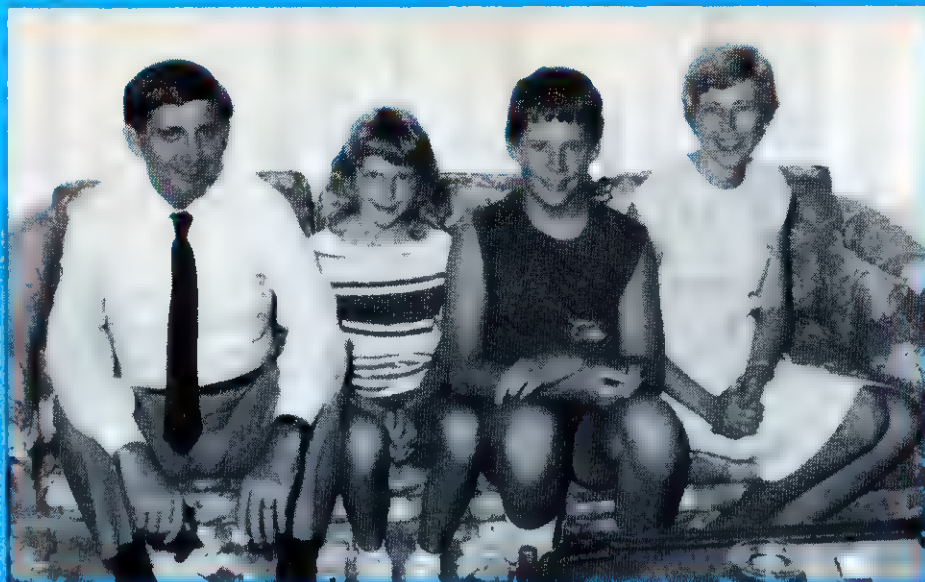
"They did all they could for God and country..." "Pro Deo Pro Patria" (VFW motto). We shake their hands and say, 'We will remember you.'"

During the service, Chaplain Killin asked for a moment's silent prayer for the dead, including the late Chaplain Best.

The musical portion of the program was provided by organist Jacquin Faust, soloist William C. Scott, who sang "The Lord's Prayer", the official VFW Memorial song, "Sleep, Soldier Boy," "Ave, Maria," and led the National Anthem; the Bluejacket Chorus from Great Lakes, who sang the Navy hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," "America" and a medley of patriotic songs.



An honor guard from Post 3579 stands at attention at the simulated graves that were the focal point of the service.



Commander-in-Chief Billy Ray Cameron relaxes with his two children, Leah and Edward, and his wife, Jeannette, for a few minutes during the 85th National Convention.

Hill 42, as it was designated on military maps, was a stark patch of ground overlooking what passed for a region of the Republic of Vietnam.

People in the United States weren't aware of Hill 42. Many misunderstood the reason for the precarious presence of 12 young members of the U.S. Marine Corps on that remote rise of real estate in early 1967.

The Marines there were puzzled, too.

Oh, they knew why they had been shipped half way around the world from home to fight and, perhaps, to die. They knew why they and other members of

the 7th Marines had to protect the area surrounding the big air base at Da Nang. They were meeting the Communist enemy face to face about every day.

The Marines in the rifle squad that clung to Hill 42 were typically youthful. The oldest was 21. Unabashedly, the other 11 called him "Pop."

They often turned to Pop for explanations and advice. He was the older—college trained and, as a former member of a globe-trotting Marine Corps basketball team, well traveled.

They would read the daily editions of Stars and Stripes and the hometown newspapers that reached them at mail call. There were the photographs and stories of Vietnam protests in America. The violence. Burning the Flag. Sewing the Flag to the seats of jeans. Draft-dodging in Canada and Sweden.

They turned to Pop: "Why?" "What makes the folks back home condemn us?" "Can't they understand?" "Why won't they even pray for us?"

Pop couldn't answer. He was puzzled and disturbed too. So he sat silently on Hill 42, prepared to fight there and hoping he would not die there.

One day there was a brief but significant break in the flood of negativism from home. A box arrived on Hill 42. Like other packages before it,

this carton contained cookies, canned goods and candy. But accompanying the treats this time was a sheaf of letters. Eighteen of them. And each contained the same heartening message:

"Keep up the good work, boys. We believe in you. We love you as fellow Americans should. When you come home, you will be our heroes."

Pop and his fellow Marines read each letter carefully. And they marvelled that perhaps attitudes at home weren't everything the newspapers seemed to say they were. Maybe there were some loyal Americans who stood behind the fighting men in Southeast Asia and who might from time to time whisper a prayer for them—"a prayer for us!"

That package had been sent by a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Illinois. Members of the Post and its Auxiliary had made it a point to express their convictions in writing and to send the letters to a group of young men whom they had never seen and, in all likelihood, would never know.

Pop and the other members of the squad vowed that when they got home—if they got home—they would become members of the VFW.

Most never made it home. But, almost miraculously, Pop did. And he made good on his vow at the first opportunity. He took his VFW membership oath more than a year later from his hospital bed at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Pop is Billy Ray Cameron. And he did more than merely join the VFW. He worked for it and, through it, for his fellow veterans—men and women who served abroad during the Vietnam conflict and in wars preceding it.

Last August, at the 85th National Convention of the VFW in Chicago, Billy Ray Cameron—Pop from Hill 42—became Commander-in-Chief of the 2 million member organization. He is the first veteran of Vietnam to head the organization.

Combat was an everyday occurrence for Cameron during his year as a Marine infantryman. He saw his entire squad wiped out in one battle except for himself and one other Marine. He knows how it feels to have a powerful mine blow up under one's halftrack and be hurled 20 feet in the air before coming down on the wreckage of the fighting vehicle.

After that incident, in which he was hit by shrapnel and injured his back, Cameron was offered an assignment

The Long Road From Hill 42

By Howard Silber

in a headquarters office. He turned it down and went back to Hill 42.

A short time later, just before he was due to leave Vietnam, Cameron volunteered to lead a patrol of new squad members to familiarize them with the area.

"I turned to tell them to be sure to stay 16 yards apart because of mines. Just as I turned, I hit a mine. It blew me from here to yonder..."

In the hospital on Guam, doctors told Cameron that they would have to amputate a leg, and that he would never regain the use of his right hand. But one Navy surgeon, an almost fanatical basketball fan, was unable to accept the inevitability of a Marine who had been an all-state high school basketball player losing a leg. The surgeon's skills and Cameron's determination saved his leg.

Except for the visible presence of shrapnel deep within it, his right hand appears normal—a result of further medical care and the incessant squeezing of a rubber ball.

Billy Ray, whose wounds required 275 sutures, was a patient in eight hospitals prior to his stay in the hospital at Camp Lejeune.

He returned to civilian life in Sanford, N.C., 16 miles from the tobacco farm on which he grew up with his parents, Ray and Louise Cameron, and his three sisters. The rural area, known as Cameron Hill, and the village of Cameron down the road, bear the imprints of many generations of the family.

Growing up on the farm wasn't easy. Billy Ray's parents were land rich and cash-poor. Everyone worked. After classes and basketball practice at nearby Benhaven School, Billy Ray, the only boy, had his chores—chopping wood, feeding the chickens, slopping the hogs, chopping weeds in the fields, topping tobacco.

After high school, Cameron attended Oak Hill Academy, a prep school at Mouth of Wilson, Va., and was graduated from Wingate Junior College in North Carolina. He starred in basketball. He left North Carolina State University to become a Marine.

Now, in 1969, he was in Sanford preparing to marry Jeanette Gilliam, a hometown girl, and begin his new life. But a career was not easy for him to begin. There was a stereotype of the Vietnam veteran, and Cameron encountered it wherever he went.

"I'd apply for a job, and the first question they'd ask me was: 'How much drugs do you use?' I'd never

been on drugs in my life. But the prevailing attitude was that any person who had been over in Vietnam had to be a drug user."

With the help of a friend, Cameron finally became an automobile salesman. After a year, he had to enter a Veterans Administration hospital for treatment of leg problems. He was advised to leave his job. Walking and standing on concrete while selling cars would cripple him.

Cameron became coordinator of the Sanford-Lee County Office of Civil Defense.

His VFW service brought him responsibilities and honors. He served three years as Commander of Post 5631 in Sanford and was named an All American Commander. By his third year as Commander, 50% of the nearly 1,000 Post members were Vietnam veterans.

Cameron then progressed through the leadership chairs of the Department of North Carolina. He was North Carolina's All American Department Commander in 1975. In August, 1977, Cameron was elected to the VFW National Council of Administration. He was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in 1982 and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief in 1983.

Wife Jeanette; their two children, Edward, 12, and Leah, 9, and a host of friends and supporters from Sanford were proud witnesses to the elevation of the farm boy, combat Marine and public servant to the VFW's highest office.

"This is America," said the new Commander-in-Chief. "You establish the highest goals. I did that for myself when I became active in the VFW. I never questioned my ability to become Commander-in-Chief if I worked hard

enough for the VFW and tried hard enough to advance.

I've had setbacks—in life and in the VFW. When I was playing basketball in high school, I didn't study hard enough. I had to work hard to make up for that.

"They told me when I returned from Vietnam that I'd have physical problems that would make me pretty much an invalid. Well, I'm not an invalid.

"Even in the VFW, I was defeated the first time I ran for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. But I was elected when I tried the second time. You can do anything you want to do.

"The VFW is the best veterans' organization—for Vietnam veterans, for all veterans. My goal is to make the VFW the biggest veterans' organization as well.

"That isn't likely to happen this year. But it can happen. If you want it to happen badly enough and you're willing to work for it, it will happen."

It's been a long road from battle-torn Hill 42 for Billy Ray Cameron. He challenged adversity and overcame it.

"I want very much for my children to live in a free America—the free America that I know. The VFW can make an enormous contribution to the strength and freedom of America.

"This year," he said, "the VFW will be first serving America.

"That is my motto as Commander-in-Chief—First...Serving America."

Billy Ray Cameron has served and sacrificed. So have his 2 million fellow members of the VFW.

"We can't rest now," said the VFW Commander-in-Chief. "We must go on serving our country. We must be First...Serving America."

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Cameron tells an interviewer of some of his experiences as a Marine infantryman during the Vietnam War. He is the first Vietnam veteran to lead the 2 million member organization.

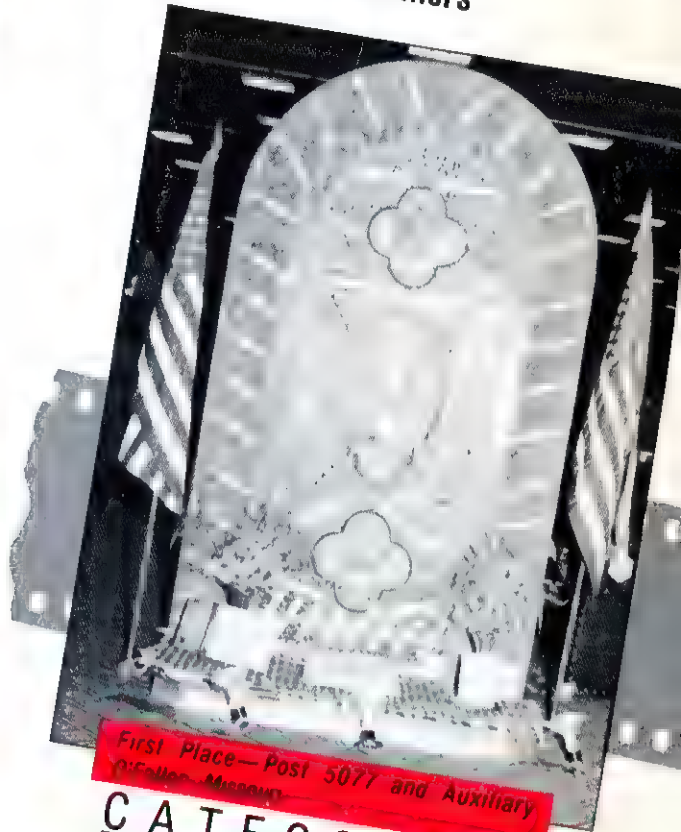


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First Place—Post 4210 and Auxiliary, Forest
Lake, Minnesota

CATEGORY 3
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Harriet Timmons

At Thursday's session, Mrs. Timmons led an Auxiliary delegation to the VFW Convention; and VFW National Home President John Wasylik and Dr. Theodore Wilson, Home Executive Director, spoke and introduced the 1985 Buddy Poppy Girl, Melissa Stark, a Home resident. Afterward, Olson introduced Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr., a VFW member.

"Why do we need a strong defense?" Marsh asked. "Because the world is not at peace. There are 20 to 22 conflicts and insurgencies being waged in the lesser developed countries that are politically unstable which might destabilize and become insurgencies."

He cited Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, Southwest Asia and Southeast Asia as "targets of Soviet intrusion" and vital to the U.S. and the free world. To support their aggressive aims, the Soviets have "built a gigantic war machine and industrial complex to fuel it," and the U.S. and its allies must be strong to ward off the threat posed by the USSR, both economically and militarily.

Before the conclusion of the Thursday business session, nominations were made for National Offices, with elections to be held the following day.

Throughout the Convention, delegates acted on a large number of resolutions and proposed amendments to the National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure, Constitution and Congressional Charter.

During the Convention, Past Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Roubush presented the VFW with \$2,500 from himself and the Veterans Life Insurance Co., of Valley Forge, Pa.

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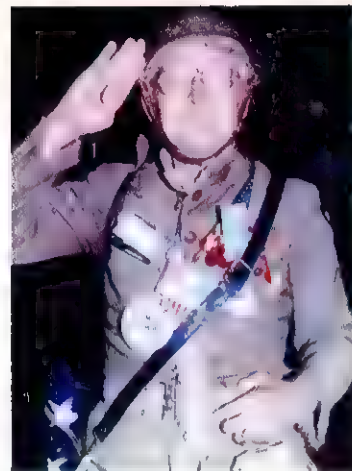
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"From Stettin in the North to the Adriatic in the South, an iron curtain has descended across Europe." When Sir Winston Churchill spoke those historic words in 1946, he probably had no idea that the Soviet Union and the Communist-installed regimes in Eastern Europe would erect a steel and concrete barrier across Europe.

Nor could this famous World War II leader foresee that behind this barrier the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact would maintain a massive war machine. For 35 years the Communist war machine and Soviet expansionism in Europe have been contained by NATO and the firm commitment of United States forces Western European defense.

Recently as Commander-in-Chief, Clifford G. Olson, Jr., visited Europe to assess the strength of the alliance and the posture of U.S. military forces stationed in Europe.

His journey took him first to France. Although France, under Charles DeGaulle, withdrew its military forces from NATO, France still maintains military liaison with NATO. Olson was briefed at the U.S. Embassy in Paris on the significance of this and the role France plays outside the formal alliance framework. Brig. Gen. Don Hilbert and Deputy Chief of Mission John Maresca noted that France's military liaison to NATO is the realization that a serious threat to Western Europe would endanger France as well. They pointed out that France has stood steadfastly alongside NATO in support of Pershing and cruise missile deployment in Europe and in Middle Eastern peacekeeping and minesweeping efforts.

From France Olson traveled to Belgium where he met with U.S. Ambassador to Belgium Geoffrey Swaebe, U.S. NATO Ambassador David Noshire and Gen. Roscoe Robinson, U.S. military representative to NATO. Briefings he received brought him up to date on NATO's recent efforts to improve its conventional warfare capability. It was pointed out that Belgium and other NATO countries were purchasing new air defense missiles and producing the U.S.-designed F-16 fighter to improve their overall defense. After

the meetings, Robinson was particularly pleased when Olson told him he next would be visiting U.S. soldiers and airmen in West Germany.

The next stop on Olson's itinerary was West Berlin, site of the infamous Berlin Wall. This concrete and barbed wire barrier snakes its way across the heart of Berlin as a grim reminder of enslavement under Communism. After visiting with servicemen and women stationed in Berlin and viewing Checkpoint Charlie, the crossing point between East and West Germany, Olson represented the VFW at the U.S. Army Berlin Brigade Change of Command.

After a visit with Mike Kemmerly and the VFW Post in West Berlin, Olson went on to Stuttgart, where he was warmly greeted by the Lord Mayor of Stuttgart, Manfred Rommel, son of World War II German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, and Gen. Richard Lawson, Deputy Commander of the U.S. Europe Command. It is responsible for all U.S. Army, Air Force and Navy forces stationed in Europe and is the highest U.S. military headquarters in Europe. At European Command, Olson was briefed on Soviet and Warsaw Pact forces facing U.S. and allied troops in Europe and on the U.S. contribution to NATO.

NATO STRONG. OLSON FINDS

As Commander-in-Chief, Clifford G. Olson, Jr., is welcomed to Stuttgart, Germany, by Gen. Richard Lawson and Lord Mayor Manfred Rommel.

BY KENNETH A. STEADMAN

From Stuttgart, Olson was escorted by VFW Department of Germany Commander Todd Alger to Fulda, a town located near the East-West German border. Fulda, in the middle of one of the principal invasion routes into West Germany, is the home

station of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. The 11th Cavalry patrols the East and West German border. In case of a conflict, it is to delay Warsaw Pact forces as they cross the border. Traveling along the border, Olson noticed anti-personnel mines attached to the barbed-wire fence dividing the two Germanys. He pointed out that the mines were positioned to fire back into East Germany to kill or wound East Germans trying to escape to the West. At the border, Olson visited with the young cavalymen who daily patrol the border. From a guard post, he observed new bunkers East Germans had built along their border. A visit to VFW Post Commander Roger Haak and his staff concluded this portion of the tour.

From Fulda, Olson went to Heidel-



berg for a short visit with the 7th U.S. Army chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Charles Fiala, and then on to Ramstein Air Force Base. Escorted by Bobby Black, Past Commander of the VFW Department of Germany, Olson visited U.S. Air Forces in Europe Headquarters. Here he met with senior officers and was briefed on the Air Force's deployment of ground-launched cruise missiles in Europe. His tour of Ramstein air base included a stop at the alert hangars, where U.S. aircrews remain with their combat aircraft waiting for an emergency, and the inspection of a personnel shelter designed to protect against a chemical or biological attack on the base. Olson quickly pointed out that the protective shelter was evidence that U.S. commanders in Europe were

not taking their job lightly, but were improving their facilities and readiness capability at every opportunity.

Stopping only long enough in Frankfurt to visit the VFW Post there and to welcome the U.S. air base commander into the VFW, Olson then flew to the Netherlands. Arriving at Schiphol airport, he was warmly greeted by Prosper Ego, executive director of the Dutch Legion of Ex-Servicemen. Olson and Ego signed a brotherhood pact at the 1984 Mid-Winter conference. With Ego as his host, Olson visited the U.S. Embassy and the U.S. air base at Camp Soestenberg. Olson was escorted throughout this important fighter base by its commander, Col. Charles S. Price. Among the things Olson observed were U.S., French and Dutch

aircrews preparing for training at the base. Leaving for the U.S. and the 85th National Convention, Olson commented on what he had seen.

NATO, he pointed out, has helped preserve peace in Europe for more than 35 years, a longer period of peace than Europe has known in the 20th century. Despite the nuclear freeze movement and Soviet anti-missile propaganda, NATO is more cohesive and cooperative now than ever before. And U.S. contribution to European peace is as vital today as it was in the past.

"The young soldiers and airmen who represent our national commitment to European security are among the best I've seen anywhere -- and they are doing their job of deterring aggression," he added.



Secretary of State George P. Shultz receives Eisenhower Award from Commander-in-Chief Olson.

Bob Hope provided the 2,500 at the 85th National Convention banquet with chuckles and Secretary of State George P. Shultz gave them some solid food for thought.

In return, Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., presented Hope with a "thanks for the memories" testimonial plaque announcing completion of the VFW's fundraising drive to fulfill its \$500,000 pledge for completion of the USO World Headquarters in Washington to be named in Hope's honor.

And then he bestowed on Shultz the VFW Dwight David Eisenhower Distinguished Service Medal, the organization's highest.

Hope, who spoke first, quipped that "I don't have to tell you about the USO" and added that he was pleased to see Gen. William C. Westmoreland, former Army commander in Vietnam, because "I have been

with him since World War II."

After his humorous comments were met with hearty laughter, Hope said he was traveling to Dallas, site of the Republican convention held the same week as the VFW's.

"I've been to as many places as my luggage," he said. "It's an exciting time...Mondale is driving a brand new Ferrari. Women want to be equal with men. It's nice of them to give up all that power.

"Reagan is the greatest thing since Burns made God. I think it's better to have a President who makes jokes instead of appointing them.

"Weren't those Olympic games wonderful? We won enough gold to handle the deficit. I wish the Russian

team had shown up. We would have whacked the hell out of them.

"Have a wonderful convention and thanks again for all those kids in the USO." As he left, the band played "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

Shultz, a World War II Marine, said that he was honored to receive an award identified with Gen. Eisenhower because he had served in the Eisenhower Administration as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

"I had a long talk with him," he said. "He inspired you, lifted you up. He was a great patriot. To have an award associated with him is a great honor."

Of the VFW, Shultz said, "You don't just stand for America; you do something

about it."

Turning to the world scene, Shultz said that every President since 1945, Democratic or Republican, "has understood that to maintain the peace we had to be strong and more than that we had to be willing to use our strength.

"We would not seek confrontation, but we would never appease or shrink from the challenge posed by threats of aggression." Along with this was "an active and creative diplomacy and a willingness to solve problems peacefully."

Although what he called the "trauma of Vietnam" is over, Shultz said some still believe power and diplomacy are alternatives.

"From one side, we hear that negotiations alone are the answer: If we will only

HOPE WOWS AND

OF THE UNITED STATES 85th NATIONAL CONVENTION



Bob Hope entertains guests at the Convention banquet after receiving a "thanks for the memories" tribute from Olson.

talk, we can have peace. If we will only talk, our differences will easily be resolved. It is as if negotiations were an end in themselves, as if the goal of American foreign policy were not primarily to protect the peace, or defend our values, or our people, or our allies, but to negotiate for its own sake."

Shultz said that from another side "we should never negotiate or compromise...the differences are irreconcilable."

Both views, he said, are as wrong now as they would have been 40 years ago, because "negotiations are not the goal of American foreign policy; they are a means of attaining that goal. Negotiations and diplomacy not backed by strength are ineffectual at

best, dangerous at worst."

Diplomacy cannot succeed "in an environment of fear or from a position of weakness," he continued, "whether in Lebanon or Vietnam or Central America, arms control or relations with the Soviet Union."

"Neither strength nor negotiations are ends in themselves," he added. "They must go hand-in-hand. And I can also tell you that any strategy to be effective must be sustainable over the long haul."

"It cannot be sustained if our policies vacillate wildly in response to events beyond our control."

Shultz said inconsistency has hindered achievement of American goals.

Negotiating with adversaries serves American interests because "we know

equitable and verifiable agreements can make a significant contribution to stability in the nuclear age or to the resolution of conflicts that might otherwise escalate and threaten to overwhelm us," he continued.

Shultz said "patience is a virtue in foreign affairs" and progress is made by the steady application of sound policies rather than "glamorous international agreements."

Such action, he said, is working in Central America, although "success will not come overnight."

"The tide of history is with us," Shultz continued. "The values that Americans cherish, democratic freedom, peace and the hope of prosperity are taking root all around the world."

In Asia, he said, the United States "has restored its position and its relations" after the Vietnam War.

In Europe, he continued, "if there is weakness, it is within the Soviet empire, as the Eastern European nations experience a growing yearning for democracy and freedom."

"We will never accept the idea of a divided Europe," he said. "Time is not on the side of imperial domination...The world's future is a future of freedom...But we must be ready to use our diplomatic skills and our military strength in defense of our values and our interests..."

"Americans must never be timid, or ashamed, or guilt-ridden, or weak. We are proud, strong and confident. We will use our power and our diplomacy in the service of peace and our ideals. We have our work cut out for us."

SHULTZ INSPIRES



Pledge to Guard Veterans' Rights

Wearing his VFW cap, Sen. George J. Mitchell (Maine), a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, and Rep. Bob McEwen (Ohio), of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, declare that the American people, through Congress, will protect veterans' entitlements. Both spoke out also for a strong national defense.



Greatness Rewarded

During the 85th National Convention sessions, several Americans representing diverse areas of achievement were honored. On these pages those moments are captured.

National Officers congratulate Chester Koch on his testimonial resolution for attending as a delegate 50 consecutive National Conventions.



After receiving the J. Edgar Hoover Award, California State Police Chief John J. Norton and his two sons, Mike and Steve, pose with Olson.



Astronaut Brewster H. Shaw, Jr., addresses delegates after receiving Space Award.





Hall of Fame Award goes to Chicago Bears' Walter Payton.

News Media Award goes to John McLaughlin, executive producer of the McLaughlin Group of TV commentators.



Olson presents award to Richard A. Martinez. With them is the Martinez family.



Past Commander-in-Chief James R. Currieo, flanked on left by Cameron, is presented award by Olson.



As Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., reads the citation, Adjutant Gen. Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr., attaches the ribbon on retiring Missouri Department Service Officer William T. Lohmar's VFW Distinguished Service Medal. National Veterans Service Director Frederico Juarbe, Jr., adjusts the medal.



VA Administrator Harry N. Walters receives award from Commander-in-Chief Olson.



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Michael Brainard and Joys Seaman, District 7 and Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota

San Quentin

ON THE AIR

by Tom Dowling



One of the most unusual radio programs ever produced had its beginning inside California's prison system. Called "San Quentin on the Air," it was dedicated to entertaining American troops serving in World War II.

The warden, Clinton T. Duffy, had a recognized talent for rehabilitating prisoners and when he proposed that they do a show from within the walls, the inmates applauded the idea with great enthusiasm.

Then began the tedious and unusual work for everyone involved. There were no slackers. The warden contacted Radio Station KFRC in San Francisco and received enthusiastic good wishes and much-needed technical assistance. Patrick Kelly and Tom Rasnovich there acted as advisers.

Months later, on a night in January, 1942, the warden's dream came true as the curtain went up on "San Quentin on the Air." The prison auditorium was filled to capacity with some 800 inmates and about 100 selected guests from "outside."

An air of tenseness fell over the audience as the show got under way. But the theme alone brought warmth to any chill in the air. Broad grins flashed when the theme song was introduced: "Time on my Hands."

At the close of the theme, a young man dressed in a sport coat and slacks stepped to the microphone. "Good evening," he said, "this is your inmate announcer welcoming you to an evening with the men of San Quentin!"

As Warden Duffy sat nervously watching the men on stage, the announcer unerringly dedicated the program to the Armed Forces and delivered his speech with the aplomb of an old hand at announcing. And the 20-piece orchestra gave soft background music with "My Country 'tis of Thee."

To those sitting near their radio at home it was difficult to believe that all this was actually being presented from inside a prison. The jovial air and sincerity was something most people never expected to find behind bars. The music was excellent, the singing

smooth and pleasant, and the Glee Club made a big hit.

Midway into the program, Warden Duffy was called on to speak. The ovation he received was something on the spectacular side and a full minute passed before the inmates stopped their applauding long enough for him to speak. His brief but heartfelt thanks went out to all the inmates for their spirit of cooperation in making the program possible. Then he told the story of the many activities which regularly took place within the walls - things such as the nets San Quentin men were making to be strung across the treacherous current of the Golden Gate to prevent subs and mines from entering the bay; the War Bonds they were buying; the letters they wrote to men in the military service.

At the close of this, the prison's first radio broadcast ever, the big question in the inmates' minds was what the public's reaction would be. The answers were quick in coming. Although only heard in seven western states, "San Quentin on the Air" gained 5 million loyal listeners, and some 22,000 fan letters reached "Q" at one time.

The letters most appreciated by the inmates were those from servicemen. Notes of thanks poured in to the men by the hundreds after one particular radio plea was made to "write to your servicemen." After that program, military men were swamped with mail.

With each broadcast, great pride built up in the men of San Quentin. One inmate put it this way: "Having our programs heard and praised by people on the outside is something like the feeling college people must feel when they turn out the nation's number one football team. It gets a guy right in here. Makes us feel pretty proud to have made a respectable reputation."

Every Thursday night the show went into millions of homes and its popularity grew. The music ranged through classic and pop. Perhaps the most requested number for the Glee Club to sing was "When Day Is

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We will serve America first by insisting that our government finishes the job of rebuilding America's defenses and doing all that is required to maintain peace through deterrence.

And finally, we are going to serve America first by continuing to recognize the requirements of America's Vietnam veterans. And by welcoming those veterans into the fold of this magnificent organization and making every American aware of the selfless sacrifices that these men and women have endured. We are extremely proud of the 570,000 Vietnam veterans who are presently members of our organization.

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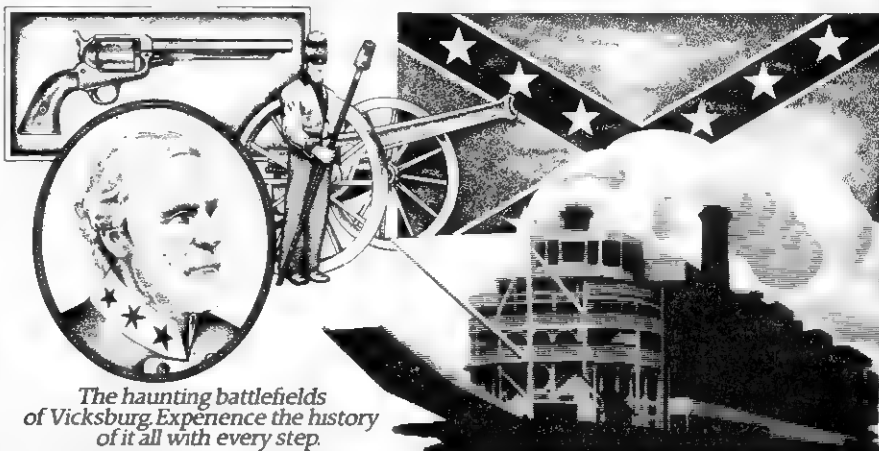


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With justifiable pride Warden Duffy recalled the tests which had to be met. "When I found the men so willing to cooperate, I told them exactly what they were up against in the beginning. There were problems of soundproofing and acoustics and even unthought of enigmas to be overcome. But displaying hitherto hidden talents, the men rolled up their sleeves and went to work."

They built the stage without any professional assistance whatever. It was obvious that all the inmates could not attend the broadcasts, so a certain number were assigned to each, the rest remaining in their cells. Here again the untiring efforts of the men won out. Using their own money, they rigged up each cell and dorm with ear phones, making it possible for every man to hear each program from beginning to finish.

Sponsorship for the show was no problem because it was not wanted. Politely turning down would-be sponsors, "San Quentin on the Air" chose to remain non-commercial. Station KFRC contributed the airtime and paid all line charges as a public service.

Although none of the performers had any previous experience in radio, they were surprisingly accurate in every detail, tedious rehearsal being the rule. With the exception of the orchestra, all the performers spent their free time in rehearsals, not allowing it to interfere with normal workday duties.

The men picked to take part in the show were chosen by fellow inmates in special talent auditions. In that way only the most promising would be picked. Fantastic as it is, the records show that on a few occasions men who were due for parole declined so that they might stay on and do their bit in the program.

By encouraging the country's fighting men, the inmates of San Quentin helped overcome their own problems as well as giving support to those in the military service. This most unusual radio program, dedicated as it was to the American Armed Forces during World War II, proved to be one of the most advanced prisoner-pride procedures ever used.

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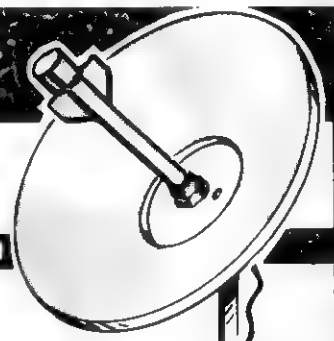
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Sr. Vice Commander- in-Chief

John S. Staum, a Korean War veteran, was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States at its 85th National Convention in Chicago on Aug. 24.

In this office, he succeeds Billy Ray Cameron, who was elected Commander-in-Chief, the first Vietnam veteran to be chosen for the organization's top office.

A native and lifelong resident of Minneapolis, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Staum was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 84th VFW National Convention in New Orleans after a long and active career in the VFW.

Staum served with U.S. Marine Corps detachments aboard the heavy cruiser USS Bremerton and the aircraft carrier USS Princeton operating in Korean waters from April, 1952, to September, 1953.

In 1957 he joined VFW Post 9625 in Coon Rapids, Minn., and rose through various elective positions to become a two-term Post Commander from 1961 to 1963. He was elected a District Commander in 1966-67 and commanded the Department of Minnesota in 1970-71 when he earned All American honors. For the next 12 years, Staum served variously on the National Voice of Democracy, Safety, National Security and Community Activity Committees. In 1972 and 1977, he was chairman of the VFW National Convention Corporation. Minneapolis was the Convention city during those two years.

Staum is former president of the Glenmar Co., a sub-contracting and building supply firm in Minneapolis. He is also a member of the American Legion and Marine Corps League.

Staum is married to the former Bernadette T. Clarkin, of Montgomery, Minn. They have two children, Mark, a Marine Corps veteran, and Nancy, both married.

For over two years, he was a pre-seminary student at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., but gave up his deferment and subsequently was drafted into the Marine Corps.

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Jr. Vice Commander- in-Chief

Elected at the 85th National VFW Convention, Norman G. Staab is Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

A life member of Post 6240, Russell, Kans., he is a veteran of 40 months' service in the Army of Occupation in Germany in the Nuernberg area with the 16th Infantry of the 1st Infantry Division.

He joined the Army on Aug. 3, 1948, and was discharged June 16, 1952.

A native of Catherine, Kans., he was born Dec. 27, 1929, and attended St. Joseph's Military Academy and was graduated from Hays, Kans., High School in 1948.

For the past 20 years, he has managed the Russell store of LTV-Continental-Emsco Co., an oilfield supply firm, although he has been employed by that firm for 30 years.

Staab and his wife, the former Cacilie Werle, have one son, David. Two of his brothers are life members of Post 6240 and two sisters belong to the Auxiliary.

He belongs to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, the Elks, American Legion, the National Rifle Association and the Knights of Columbus. He is chairman of the Russell Oil Patch Museum.

In 1964, he was an All American Post Commander, Outstanding District Commander in 1967, All American Department Commander in 1967, a member of the National Council of Administration from 1977 to 1979 and chairman of the VFW Western Conference from 1982 to 1983.

He has personally recruited more than 400 VFW members and 350 life members, contributed to the growth of Post 6240 from 368 in 1963 to its present 1,163 in a city of 5,200 and county of 9,100. Post 6240 has produced five All American Commanders.

He also has served his Post as Service Officer, VFW-PAC Coordinator, Scholarship Chairman and Voice of Democracy Co-chairman.

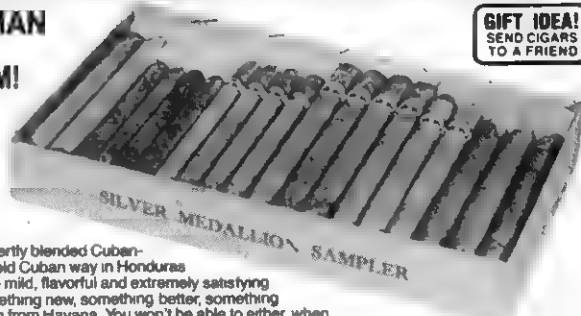


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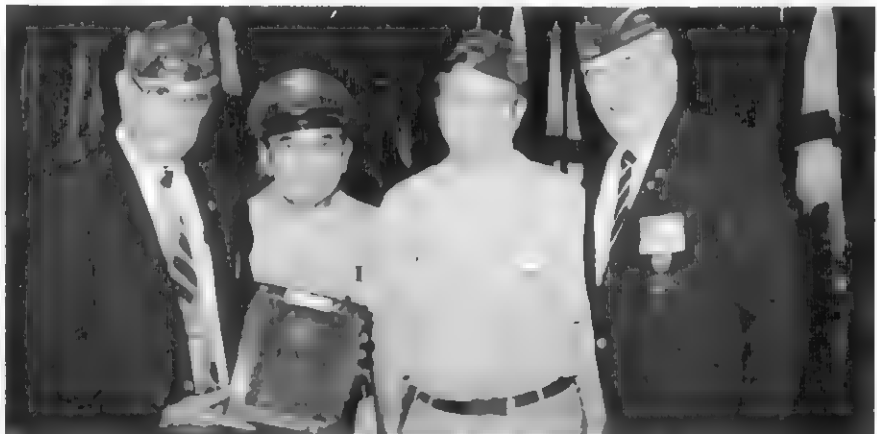
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1. Having been elected Commander-in-Chief and having been installed in office in accordance with the By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I hereby assume command.

2. The following officers having been duly elected and installed by the 85th National Convention will be accorded the recognition due them:

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: John S. Staum, Post 9625, Coon Rapids, Minn.; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Norman G. Staab, Post 6240, Russell, Kans.; Quartermaster General: J.A. Cheatham, Post 869, Kansas City, Kans.; Judge Advocate General: Thomas Pouliot, Post 1116, Helena, Mont.; Surgeon General: Dr. Raymond W. Schlueter, Post 6869, N. Riverside, Ill.; National Chaplain: Rev. Frederick W. Christiansen, Post 7857, Milford, N.J.; National Council Members: District No. 2, Albert J. Konan, Post 523, Clinton, Mass.; District No. 4, Elmer L. Matheke, Post 9845, Heidelberg, Germany; District No. 6, Richard M. Dawson, Post 6454, Petersburg, W.Va.; District No. 8, Lester W. Davis, Post 10093, Safety Harbor, Fla.; District No. 10, William Procter, Post 1736, Alexandria, La.; District No. 12, A.J. Heggstad, Post 4674, Winner, S.D.; District No. 14, Harold L. Lind, Post 7481, Hardin, Mont.; District No. 16, Joe DeCosta, Post 1685, Anchorage, Alaska; District D, Lawrence J. Krugman, Post 1079, Elyria, Ohio; District E, Robert H.

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3. All previous appointments having expired are declared null and void

4. The following appointments are hereby announced: Adjutant General: Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr., Post 6467, Bergenfield, N.J.; Chief of Staff: Larry W. Rivers, Post 1736, Alexandria, La.; Inspector General: J.P. Cockrill, Post 5225, W. Memphis, Ark.; Assistant Adjutant General and Executive Director, Washington Office: Cooper T. Holt, Post 1299, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Assistant Adjutant General, Administrative: Edward L. Burnham, Post 1724, Willimantic, Conn.; Assistant Adjutant General, Programs: Curtis M. Jewell, Post 1090, Warren, Ohio; Assistant Quartermaster General: Herbert W. Irwin, Post 5789, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Director, Administrative Services: Omar F. Kendall, Post 673, Jasper, Ind.; Director, Public Relations: Wade W. LaDue, Post 6603, Blue Springs, Mo.; Director, Publications: John L. Smith, Post 1391, Racine, Wis.; Director, Americanism and Community Activities: Raymond N. Price, Post 8100, Grandview, Mo.; Director, Post Development and Safety: Joseph D. Ross, Post 2048, Elmhurst, Ill.; Director, Membership: W. Benny Bachand, Post 4287, Orlando, Fla.; Director, Post Services and Buddy Poppy: John L. Senk, Jr., Post 335, Cranford, N.J.; Director, Voice of Democracy and Youth Activities: Lawrence LeFebvre, Post 552, Lincoln Park, Mich.; National Service Officer & Director, National Veterans

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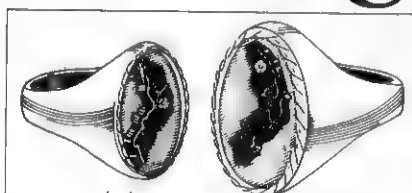
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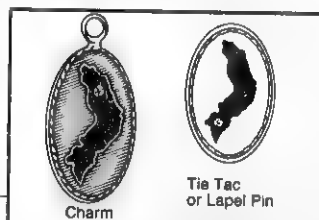
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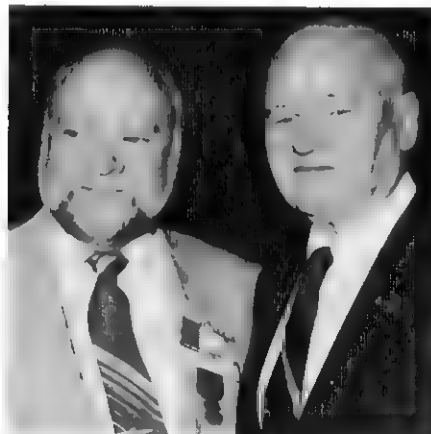
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VFW TRAVEL SERVICES

Hotel/Motel Discounts

VFW Travel Services is pleased to announce a new program for VFW members. Effective Sept. 1, 1984, all Travelodge and Viscount properties will extend a 10% discount off their regular rates when you present your *VFW Membership Card* upon checkin.

Locations and reservations for the Travelodge and Viscount properties are available by calling toll free 1-800-255-3050 (Travelodge Reservation Desk).

PLEASE NOTE: This discount will apply only on reservations placed either through the Travelodge Reservation Desk or directly with the hotel. Reservations may *not* be placed through VFW Travel Services or any other travel agency. Although advance reservations are recommended to assure you of accommodations, they are *not* necessary to receive the discount.

Quality Inns and other hotels will be participating in a similar program after January, 1985. Please watch for further details in future issues of the VFW Magazine.

MEMBERSHIP

aides-de-camp

The following VFW members have distinguished themselves by winning appointments as National Aides-de-Camp, Recruiting Class, during the month of August, 1984. To be eligible for this award, a member must collect the dues of at least 50 new and/or reinstated members.

Henry A. Miller, Post 1837, Dallas, Texas; Charles A. Bender, Post 3905, Kaufman, Texas, and Vincent G. Kelleher, Post 2311, Rawlins, Wyo.

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Toccoa, Ga.; Vernon Soukup, Post 8081, Warrenville, Ill.; and Paul Wampler, Jr., Post 833, Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: Chairman: George D. Miller, Post 1275, Lima, Ohio. Vice Chairmen: Earl Gunnels, Jr., Post 9242, Hollister, Calif.; John G. Simmons, Post 751, Randallstown, Md.; Curtis A. Smith, Post 1033, Covington, Va.; and Russell Truax, Post 7920, Osage, Iowa.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. Chairman: Joseph L. Vicites, Post 47, Uniontown, Pa.; Vice Chairmen: Arthur W. Burress, Post 1, Denver, Colo.; Al DeStefano, Post 4364, Pinellas Park, Fla.; Alcuin G. Loehr, Post 4847, St. Cloud, Minn.; Joseph A. Scerra, Post 905, Gardner, Mass.; and Emmett A. Stelzer, Post 6797, Post, Texas.

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NATIONAL VOICE OF DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE: Chairman: Bernard McClelland, Post 2618, Brookhaven, Miss.; Vice Chairmen: Thomas B. Dean, Post 2760, Gadsden, Ala.; Elmo J. Whitmore, Post 8874, Los Alamos, N.M.; George R. Cramer, Post 1485, Cicero, Ill.; and Earl Stock, Jr., Post 3275, Fort Plain, N.Y.

NATIONAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: Chairman: Julian M. Brisendine, Post 5290, Conyers, Ga.; Vice Chairmen: Robert D. Eliason, Post 1852, Minneapolis, Minn.; Dr. Mack C. Jarrell, Post 1064, Huntington, W.V.; Paul R. Phillips, Jr., Post 2863, Richardson Park, Del.; and George Riedel, Post 969, Tacoma, Wash.

6. THROUGH CHANNELS. Post Commanders, County Council Commanders and District Commanders are directed to forward all resolutions or communications relative to **FEDERAL LEGISLATION OR TO THE POLICY OR PROCEDURE OF THE U.S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY**, to their respective Department Headquarters for endorsement and referral to the Adjutant General. Department Commanders will not take direct action on any such resolutions or communications without first obtaining full knowledge of existing National Headquarters policies governing such legislation or agencies.

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VFW, SBA AIDING VETS

The VFW, in conjunction with the U.S. Small Business Administration, and in cooperation with local community colleges, is actively supporting and assisting the SBA in developing small business opportunities for veterans.

James C. Sanders, administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, said recently, "We have specifically designated veterans as one of those vital sectors in the small business community which deserves our special consideration. This is especially important for the Vietnam and disabled veteran whose circumstances are of special concern to this agency and administration."

To qualify for an SBA guaranteed or direct loan, all applicants must have been turned down by a bank or commercial lender; and the applicant must demonstrate a sound business plan, some personal equity and a reasonable assurance that any loan can be repaid from the proceeds of the business. This is required by law for all loan applicants.

SBA business loans are not entitlements or benefits automatically bestowed upon a veteran. SBA loan officers will give priority in processing and funding of veteran loan applications. Vietnam Era and disabled veterans may qualify to have their approved loans funded under special programs specifically set aside for them.

The SBA provides special business training that will assist a veteran in the basics of small business operation.

The SBA is conducting more than 30 major "veterans' business training and networking conferences" across the country. The primary focuses of these conferences are a "workshop" on "how to" do a financial statement, a business plan, or market a product — not an explanation of benefits or entitlements. Management assistance, counseling and training in small business is

open to anyone and are not benefits in the traditional sense of the word. If you are interested in attending one of these conferences, you should contact the local SBA office or your Post Employment Officer.

Finally, in the development of this program in which the Veterans of Foreign Wars served as a member of the National Veterans Task Force, an attendance fee of \$10 for these training programs was discussed and agreed to. No veteran is turned away for lack of a fee.

Recently, the SBA participated in the Veterans Small Business Success Seminar at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point's Central Wisconsin Small Business Development Center (SBDC), one of 10 in the state.

Post 568 organized the state's first Veterans' Small Business Success Seminar at Stevens Point with the center. Besides SBA representatives, speakers included persons from the Service Corps of Retired Executives and University of Wisconsin Extension.

George Seyforth, of the SBDC, made the following suggestions to those attending:

- Develop a mission statement for your company, spell out its reasons for being, spell out what business you are in so others will understand and explain where you do business.
- Develop company policy guidelines, such as how you will do business, what guarantees you will make, what you will and won't do for employees. Policy areas include customer relations, business development, financial administration, employee relations and marketing.
- Make an internal analysis of your company—its weaknesses, opportunities, threats, strengths and consider how weaknesses and threats can

be reduced and how opportunities and strengths can make your company successful.

- Establish specific goals that are measurable.
- Develop written action plans.
- Set up a control system—a budget, a monthly or quarterly profit and loss statement, a balance sheet and a cash flow statement.

The SBA at 1441 L. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20416, provides special training to teach a veteran the basics of small business operations, provides advice and assistance on how to do business with the government, advises on sources of financial assistance and offers management assistance and counselling.

First reports indicate that Vietnam Era and disabled veterans who own small businesses are responding to a special invitation to compete for contract work with the Veterans Administration.

Last fall, VA Administrator Harry N. Walters directed VA procurement offices actively to seek out capable small businesses owned and operated by these veterans to increase their awareness of VA competitive contract opportunities.

"I am personally encouraged by how well the new initiative has been received by the public, VA personnel and our veteran constituency," Walters said.

From Oct. 1, 1983, through March 31, 1984, Vietnam Era veteran-owned small companies received 1,373 contract awards worth \$4,187,411. Procurement activities also contracted with 312 disabled veteran-owned small businesses whose awards totaled \$450,026.

"More importantly," Walters pointed out, "about 1,800 new veteran-owned businesses have been placed on source lists at VA procuring activities around the country."

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7. Invitations to National Officers must be forwarded through channels to the Adjutant General with approval of the Department Commander. This applies to all National Officers, and unless the above is complied with, invitations will not be given consideration.

8. **DEPARTMENT RESERVE.** Attention is called to Section 517, Manual of Procedure that requires Department Quartermasters maintain a dues reserve fund to which shall be credited not less than fifty percent (50%) of all current year's (1985) dues that he receives prior to July 1, 1985. No Department Quartermaster shall disburse nor shall an obligation be incurred against this fund until after July 1, 1985, at which time all moneys to the credit of the fund shall be transferred to the Department general fund for expenditure in accordance with the Department budget.

9. **POST RESERVE.** Attention is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, which mandates Post Quartermasters to maintain a dues reserve fund to which shall be credited not less than one-half of the Posts part of the current year's (1985) dues paid by each member prior to July 1, 1985, except dues remitted by the Post. No Post Quartermaster shall disburse, nor shall an obligation be incurred against this fund until after July 1, 1985, at which time it shall be transferred to the Post general fund and be available for expenditure.

10. Attention of Commanders at all levels is directed to Section 703 of the National Constitution and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure which requires that each accountable officer be bonded with an indemnity company in the sum at least equal to the amount of negotiable funds for which he may be accountable.

11. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees, which states that Post Trustees shall prepare and submit, through their Post Commander, a Trustee Report of Audit (Supply Department Stock No. 4214) quarterly to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector. The first report is due at the close of September.

12. Attention of Department and Post Commanders is directed to the requirement of timely filing of Internal Revenue Form 990 and 990T, where applicable. Forms may be secured from your local Post Office or branch office of Internal Revenue Service.

13. All National Aides-de-Camp, Medal of Honor Class, who held appointments prior to Aug. 24, 1984, will be reappointed upon notification by Department Quartermasters that such aides are members in good standing for the 1985 membership year.

14. All members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States who have been awarded the Medal of Honor are eligible to appointment as Aides-de-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief, Medal of Honor Class. Post Commanders will report such members to their Department Commanders for recommendation and referral to the Commander-in-Chief.

15. Posts are urged to start planning suitable programs now for the observance of Veterans Day. (See Section 223, Manual of Procedure).

16. The National Council of Administration meeting will be held in Kansas City, Mo. on Oct. 6, 1984.

17. Attention of Department Commanders is directed to the Resolution adopted by the 85th National Convention which calls for the continuation of the POW MIA Subcommittee of the National Security Committee under the leadership of Lt. Gen. John Flynn, USAF (Ret.) and calls for each Department Commander to appoint a POW MIA point of contact at the Department level to ensure the implementation of the resolutions and directives pertinent to POW MIA matters as adopted by the National Convention. Department Commanders who have not yet appointed a Department POW/MIA Chairman are directed to comply.

18. Certificates of charter evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Posts: Posts 2532 and 8213 consolidated as Post 2532, Paw Paw, Mich.; Posts 6064 and 9247 consolidated as Post 6064, Tabor City, N.C.; Posts 7327 and 8631 consolidated as Post 7327, Springfield, Va.; Posts 8219 and 8904 consolidated as Post 8904, Center, Texas; Posts 9408 and 10643 consolidated as Post 9408, Leland, N.C.; and Posts 10507 and 10592 consolidated as Post 10592, Bamberg, Germany.

19. The locations of the following Posts have been changed: Post 3013 from Swanton to Holland, Ohio; Post 4353 from Pine Island to Greater Pine Island, Fla.; Post 5805 from Hugo to Fort Towson, Okla.; Post 7229 from Greenville to Oak Hill, N.Y.; Post 8032 from Cleveland to Cleveland Heights, Ohio; and Post 9415 from Salt Lake City to Murray, Utah.

20. Charters for the following Posts have been authorized: Post 1217, Big Lake, Minn.; Post 1498, Clifton Park, N.Y.; Post 1611, Binghamton, N.Y.; Post 2030, North Tonawanda, N.Y.; Post 3457, Frankfort, Ill.; Post 4596, Hudson, Iowa; Post 5441, Parkersburg, Iowa; Post 5777, Union, W.Va.; Post 6050, Reinbeck, Iowa; Post 7491, Albany, Ga.; Post 7509, Gordon, Ga.; Post 7585, Tucker, Ga.; Post 7587, Irwinton, Ga.; Post 7940, Chipley, Fla.; Post 7948, Walkersville, Md.; Post 8198, Grove City, Ohio; Post 8277, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Post 8325, Marked Tree, Ark.; Post 8464, Lepanto, Ark.; Post 8472, Maumelle, Ark.; Post 8477, Hartsville, Ohio; Post 8520, Hoxie, Ark.; Post 8523, Brinkley, Ark.; Post 8617, Goochland, Va.; Post 8650, Lopatcong Township, N.J.; Post 8949, York, S.C.; Post 9092, Wellston, Ohio; Post 9461, LaSalle, Colo.; Post 9525, Pacolet, S.C.; Post 9550, Centerville, Ohio; Post 9579, Oxford, Ohio; Post 9580, East Canton, Ohio; Post 9628, Clinton, Tenn.; Post 9637, Sparta, Tenn.; Post 9668, Jamestown, Tenn.; Post 9727, Wilhamston, S.C.; Post 9822, Judice, La.; Post 9881, Candor, N.C.; Post 9998, Blowing Rock, N.C.; Post 10083, Winter Haven, Fla.; Post 10749, Bennet, Neb.; Post 10750, Nehawka, Neb.; Post 10751, Minden, Neb.; Post 10752, St. Paul, Neb.; Post 10753, South Sioux City, Neb.; Post 10754, Santee, S.C.; Post 10755, Guide Rock, Neb.; Post 10756, Olney, Md.; Post 10757, Loomis, Neb.; and Post 10758, Brady-Maxwell, Neb.

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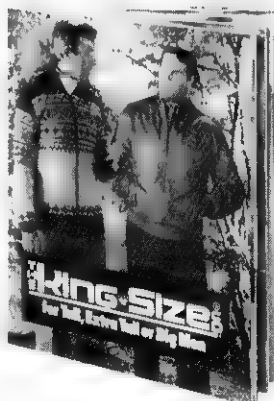
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4	McKinney	70
5	Ratchford	71
6	Johnson	86

DELAWARE

District		%Right
1	Carper	71

FLORIDA

District		%Right
1	Hutto	100
2	Fuqua	100
3	Bennett	86
4	Chappell	100
5	McCollum	86
6	MacKay	64
7	Gibbons	73
8	Young	100
9	Bilirakis	93
10	Ireland	93
11	Nelson	100
12	Lewis	100
13	Mack	71
14	Mica	100
15	Shaw	92
16	Smith	79
18	Pepper	91
19	Fascell	67

GEORGIA

District		%Right
1	Thomas	100
2	Hatcher	100
3	Ray	85
4	Levitas	85
5	Fowler	67
6	Gingrich	79
7	Darden	86
8	Rowland	100
9	Jenkins	75
10	Barnard	91

IDAHO

District		%Right
1	Craig	79

ILLINOIS

District		%Right
1	Hayes	63
4	O'Brien	100
5	Lipinski	86
6	Hyde	79
8	Rostenkowski	85
9	Yates	64
10	Porter	86
11	Annunzio	79
15	Madigan	86
16	Martin	77
17	Evans	71
18	Michel	93
20	Durbin	64
21	Price	93

INDIANA

District		%Right
2	Sharp	64
3	Hiler	71
4	Coats	86
5	Hillis	92
6	Burton	64
7	Myers	93
8	McCloskey	71
9	Hamilton	79
10	Jacobs	64

KANSAS

District		%Right
1	Roberts	71
4	Glickman	86
5	Whittaker	71

KENTUCKY

District		%Right
1	Hubbard	85
2	Natcher	79
3	Mazzoli	71
4	Snyder	93
5	Rogers	93
6	Hopkins	86

MAINE

District		%Right
1	McKernan	100
2	Snowe	100

MARYLAND

District		%Right
1	Dyson	86
2	Long	71
3	Mikulski	71
4	Holt	100
5	Hoyer	93
8	Byron	100
8	Barnes	71

SENATE**ALABAMA**

Heflin	62
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ALASKA

Stevens	77
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ARKANSAS

Pryor	64
z Bethune	93

COLORADO

Armstrong	69
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GEORGIA

Nunn	64
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IDAHO

McClure	92
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ILLINOIS

Percy	75
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IOWA

Jepsen	77
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KANSAS

Kassebaum	67
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KENTUCKY

Huddleston	73
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MAINE

Cohen	86
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MICHIGAN

Levin	64
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MINNESOTA

Boschwitz	85
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MISSISSIPPI

Cochran	92
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NEBRASKA

Exon	69
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NEW HAMPSHIRE

x D'Amours	69
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NEW MEXICO

Domenici	85
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NORTH CAROLINA

Helms	64
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OKLAHOMA

Boren	62
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OREGON

Hatfield	62
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SOUTH CAROLINA

Thurmond	86
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SOUTH DAKOTA

Pressler	62
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TENNESSEE

* Gore	77
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TEXAS

* Gramm	79
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Wamer	79
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6	Carr	69
7	Kildee	64
8	Traxler	71
9	Vander Jagt	92
10	Albosta	71
11	Davis	93
13	Crockett	63
15	Ford	67
16	Dingell	64
17	Levin	64
18	Broomfield	71

MINNESOTA

District

%Right

2	Weber	71
5	Sabo	67
7	Stangeland	71

MISSISSIPPI

District

%Right

1	Whitten	79
2	Franklin	85
3	Montgomery	93
4	Dowdy	100
5	Lott	86

MISSOURI

District

%Right

1	Clay	82
2	Young	77
3	Gephart	79
4	Skeltton	100
6	Coleman	100
7	Taylor	79
8	Emerson	100
9	Volkmer	86

MONTANA

District

%Right

1	Williams	77
2	Marlenee	85

NEBRASKA

District

%Right

1	Bereuter	71
2	Daub	93
3	Smith	86

NEVADA

District

%Right

1	Reid	86
2	Vucanovich	77

NEW HAMPSHIRE

District

%Right

■	Gregg	84
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NEW JERSEY

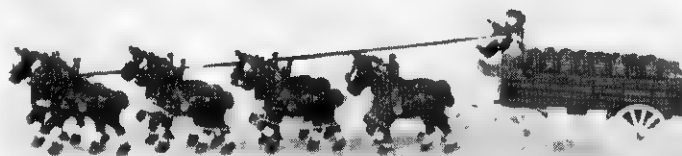
District

%Right

1	Flono	64
2	Hughes	62
3	Howard	80
4	Smith	93
5	Roukema	85
6	Dwyer	77
7	Rinaldo	100
8	Roe	83
9	Torricelli	71
10	Rodino	73
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2	Skeen	85
3	Richardson	71

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1	Carney	92
2	Downey	71
3	Mrazek	71
4	Lent	100
5	McGrath	100
6	Addabbo	71
8	Scheuer	71
10	Schumer	64
12	Owens	69
13	Solarz	69
14	Molinar	100
15	Green	64
19	Biaggi	67
21	Fish	91
22	Gilman	100
23	Stratton	100
24	Solomon	83
25	Boehlert	100
26	Martin	100
27	Wortley	100
28	McHugh	64
29	Horton	92
31	Kemp	85
32	LaFalce	64
33	Nowak	64
34	Lundine	67

NORTH CAROLINA

District		%Right
1	Jones	92
2	Valentine	93
3	Whitley	100
4	Andrews	91
5	Neal	85
6	Britt	80
7	Rose	80
8	Hefner	92
10	Broyhill	79
11	Clarke	79

OHIO

District		%Right
1	Luken	71
2	Gradison	67
3	Hall	67
4	Oxley	77
5	Latta	77
6	McEwen	86
7	DeWine	79
8	Kindness	79
10	Miller	85
11	Eckart	71
12	Kasich	100
13	Pease	84
14	Seiberling	64
15	Wylie	83
16	Regula	100
17	Williams	100
18	Applegate	84
19	Hatchadonan	(non-incumbent)
20	Oakar	71



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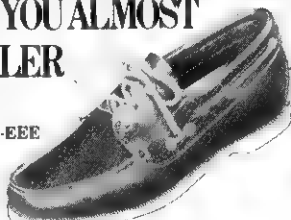
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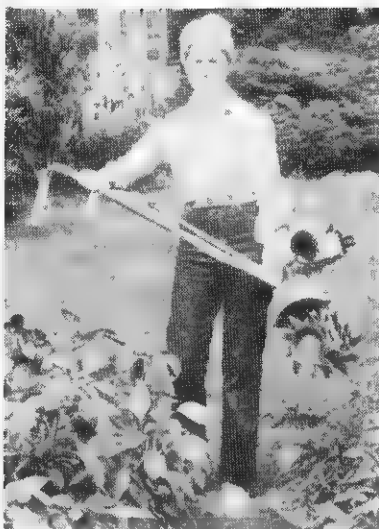


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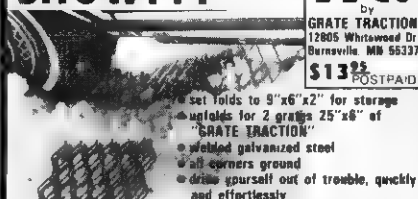


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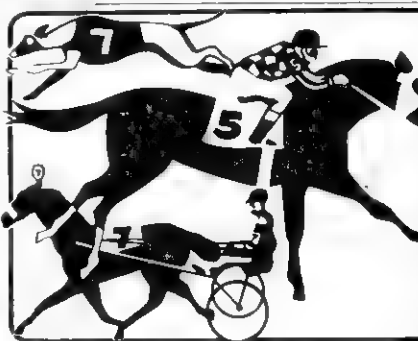
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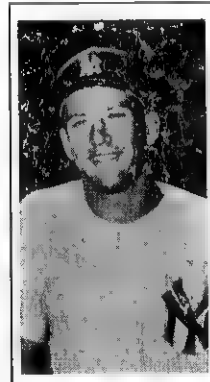


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757th Tank Bn.—2628, Louisville. William Stanfield, 138 Mills Dr., Louisville, KY 40216.

November

4th Inf. Div., Ohio & W. Pa. Chaps.—1-4, Cleveland—Elmer Klaus, 2397 Bennett Rd., Madison, OH 44507.
4th Inf. Div., 1/12th Inf., HHC & A Co. (Vietnam, 1969-70)—Jim Gano, 1148 Lincoln St., Waterloo, IA 50703.
10th Mtn. Div. Assn., Washington, D.C., Chap.—1-4, Williamsburg, Va.—Albert Nencioni, 4307 Kilbourne Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030.
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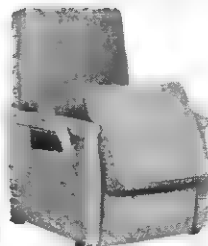
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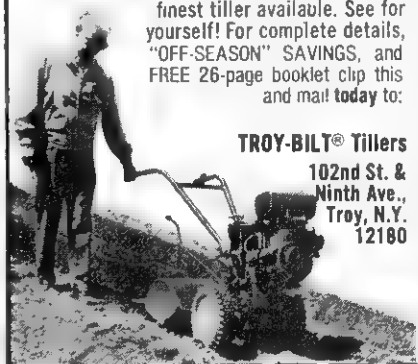
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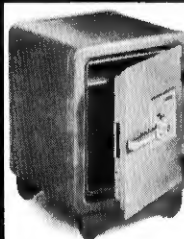
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May

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727th Amphib. Trac. Bn.—12-13, Blue Springs, Mo.—Stanton Parr, 520 Walnut St., Blue Springs, MO 64015.
749th ROB—18-20, Columbus, Ohio—Donald Gothard, 4173 Dixie Ct., Columbus, OH 43228.

August

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September

Society of the 89th Div. (WW II)—25-27, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Larry Berg, 3101 Breckenridge Dr. W, Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

MARINES

March

2d Marines, 1st Bn., C Co.—18-20, Las Vegas—David Heath, 16416 Mayall St., Granada Hills, CA 91343.

July

5th Marine Div. Assn.—31-Aug. 3, Uniondale, L.I., N.Y.—PA 19040.

NAVY

October

USS Yorktown (CV10)(1943-70)—4-7, Charleston, S.C.—Joe Sharkey, POB 1021, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.

November

VS5R-NRAB, Bldg. 133, Mustin Field, Philadelphia—3, NAS Willow Grove, Pa.—Jack Wolfram, 108 Holly Dr., Hathero, PA 19040.

February

USS Wasp (CV18)—Honolulu—Bob Hansen, 3142 Coit NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

March

New Jersey Tin Can Sailors—23, Parsippany, N.J.—Kenneth Williams, 12 John St., Rockaway, NJ 07860.

USS Wharton (AP7)—13-17, Orlando—George Howlett, 110 Central Ave., Malden, MA 02148.

April

Martin PBM Mariners Pilots & Aircrewmen—25, Washington, D.C.—Dick Gingrich, 488 E Baltimore, Greencastle, PA 17225.

USS Augusta (CA31)—28 May 3, San Diego—Robert Bastian, 5604 Fillmore Ave., Alexandria, VA 22311.

May

U.S. Navy Advanced Amphib. Base (Southampton, England, 1944-45)—Southampton, England—Robert Myers, 100 Cedar Ave., Hinton, WV 25951.

USS PC-793 Assn.—20-22, Reno—Joseph Wilkinson, POB 343, New Florence, PA 15944.

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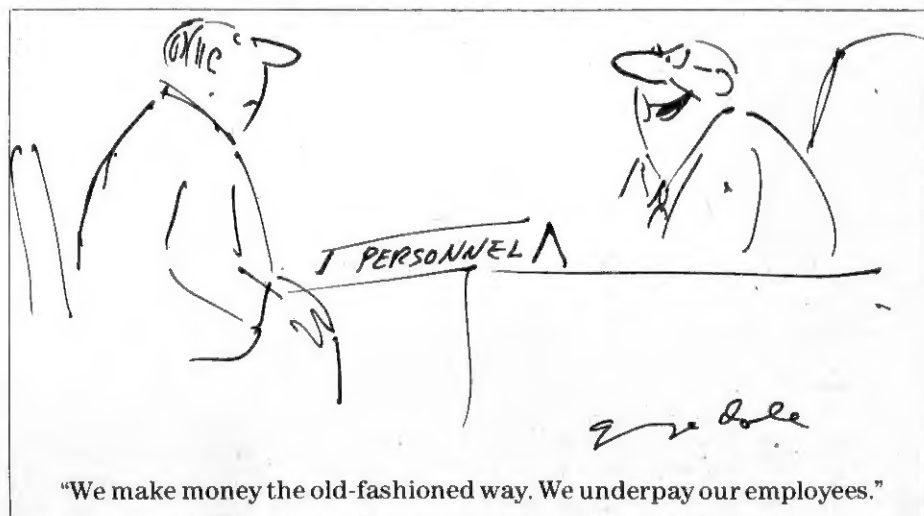
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